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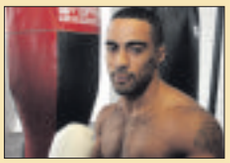

Supervisor stole rings to pay for nights out

A WORKER stole gold rings worth nearly £11,000 from the shop where he worked to fund nights out and buy computer games, a court heard.

David Bacon took around 100 nine and 18-carat gold rings while working as a supervisor at Cash Converters in Dudley between January 2011 and July this year, Dudley Magistrates Court were told.

They heard Bacon, of Carshalton Grove, Wolverhampton, had sold the items to a jeweller in the town.

He had then used the money to fund nights out at the cinema, meals and to buy Playstation games.

The court heard the amount of jewellery taken amounted to £10,974.

Magistrates committed the 24-year-old to be sentenced at Wolverhampton Crown Court on September 14. Bacon pleaded guilty to a charge of theft at a previous hearing.

Mr Mark Cooper, prosecuting, said management at the store had launched an investigation after it was noticed rings had gone missing.

Mr Gerry Vahey, defending, said while his client was "labelled as a supervisor" he was one of eight employees that had a key to the cabinet.

But magistrates said they believed he had been in a position of trust.

Pool tragedy boy's funeral

THE FUNERAL of a tragic 15-year-old who drowned in a disused quarry lake near Dudley has taken place.

Augusto Zacarias died after falling about four metres from a ledge into the Blue Lagoon waters at the Marl Hole pool near the Crooked House pub in Himley on July 25.

Family and friends of the young footballer, whose family moved from Portugal to live in Sedgley, attended a service at Dudley Christian Fellowship in Dudley. He had been in the country less than three weeks.

Rising star Gregory is snapped up by agency

Gregory with Lennie James

A YOUNG actor from Dudley who won rave reviews for his debut TV role in a show that attracted millions of viewers is celebrating after being taken on by the same agency as Twilight star Robert Pattinson.

Gregory Piper, aged 14, played a foul-mouthed gang member in Line of Duty, the tense tale of police corruption, starring Lennie James as top detective Tony Gates.

The five-part drama pulled in some of BBC2's highest viewing figures of the past decade and has been tipped to win a host of awards. Now Gregory, of Haden Close, has joined the London-based Curtis Brown agency, which also looks after Dev Patel, star of the Oscar-winning Slumdog Millionaire.

Ray Winstone's agency Creative Artists Management also offered to work with Gregory after being impressed with his performance as Ryan Pilkington.

Windsor High pupil Gregory, appeared alongside fellow drama school pupil Jordyn-Eve Davis-Greene, of Whittington Road, Stourbridge, who played Dci Gates's daughter Natalie. Gregory said: "It was the first show I auditioned for and I was really shocked when I got it.

"The reaction has been great and everyone seems to have enjoyed it so I'm looking forward to what happens next."

Gregory's mother Rebecca said: "Everyone thought he did so well in Line of Duty, especially in the final episode when he was being interviewed by police.

"We went down to London and the agencies were really keen on working with Gregory."

Gregory and Jordyn-Eve both attend the group Dramawork-shop, run by Esther Stanford, 33, and based at Chawn Hill Church, Stourbridge.

Miss Stanford said: "It's great to see that local talent is getting recognised and it shows that it doesn't all have to come from London.

"Gregory is a really talented actor and he has done so well – his performance in Line of Duty was brilliant."

Miss Stanford set up the drama group a year ago, having appeared in shows such as EastEnders, The Bill and Heartbeat.

FEARS FOR TRADE AS ROAD CLOSES

TRADERS and motorists are facing six months of road misery as a major route through Dudley town centre shuts for the final stage of utility works.

The roadworks in Wolverhampton Street got underway this week but shopkeepers fear they will have a knock-on effect on their businesses. The road shut for 26 weeks from Monday during the final stage of the 18-month project. Work will be carried out by gas, electric, water and telecommunication companies. It was already shut on and off for four months last year and Cynthia Burgin, whose family business has been part of the town for more than 140 years, says she could end up closing.

by Adam Burling

Mrs Burgin, aged 80, whose family have run Burgin's News in Wolverhampton Street since 1868, relies on passing trade and says many customers will struggle to get to her shop.

She said: "I just can't understand how it is feasible that I can receive a letter saying that the road outside my shop will be shut for this long.

"I really think we are going to struggle to survive. I wonder whether they realise the effect this will have when they plan it from their offices."

Mrs Burgin said she already felt her business was being "isolated" by the roadworks just days after they began this week.

She added: "I'm worried that people won't even realise we are here."

Janet Simpson, who runs Janet's Hair and Beauty Products, in Wolverhampton Street, said: "Traders have already been through a lot around here and now we have to get through this too.

"Business is already quiet and this will make things worse. It is really worrying as this work will go on for so long."

Dudley Council says the work will be completed in four phases. The first will see it close from the junction of Southalls Lane to Stafford Street, and then it will close from Stafford Street to Grange Road.

During the third phase it will shut from Grange Road to the Eve Hill Island, and then finally Stafford Street will close from the junction of Wolverhampton Street to Southalls Lane.

During the first phase, a diversion will be in place around The Inhedge and Stafford Street. The council says access to frontages will be maintained where it is safe to do so and drivers will be able to reach residential car parks in Charlton Street and the car park on Wolverhampton Street throughout.

Councillor Judy Foster, said: "Dudley town centre's utility works are progressing well and everything is running to schedule.

"I would like to thank residents, businesses and visitors for their continued patience as these critical works are carried out and apologise for any disruption caused."

Mike's a knight to remember

Sisters Natalie and Mia Goren-O'Neill, of Dudley, meet Mike the Knight during the Rascal Fest event, which was held at the Merry Hill Shopping Centre

Hundreds of families got the chance to meet animals and enjoy colourful shows at a two-day festival in Dudley.

The event, called Rascal Fest, was held at the Merry Hill Shopping Centre, Brierley Hill, on Friday and Saturday with a host of activities designed to appeal to youngsters.

Visitors packed out the event over both days taking part in interactive storytelling sessions, crafts, fairground rides and face painting.

Families also got the chance to meet animals from Dudley Zoo and crews from Brierley Hill Fire Station attended giving youngsters a close look at a fire engine.

Firefighters said youngsters had been really enthusiastic about seeing the engine and how it worked with many stopping to see the vehicle. Visitors enjoyed a stage show featuring favourite TV characters Ben and Holly and Mike the Knight.

Plans for levelling ex-theatre under way

PLANS to demolish a former Hippodrome theatre in Dudley will be submitted within weeks – just as campaigners put the finishing touches to their bid to save it.

The volunteers have until the end of August to put forward their proposals for transforming the vacant Dudley Hippodrome building on Castle Hill into a theatre. But council chiefs will make an application soon to demolish it – and have warned they will forge ahead with the plans if the campaigners' ideas are "not viable".

Friends of Dudley Hippodrome say side rooms could be transformed into rehearsal spaces and a recording studio. Patrons and businesses could sponsor seats to raise extra cash. The group will meet with council officers on September 12 to discuss the matter.

Regeneration chief Shaukat Ali said the council hopes to lodge the application in the next two to three weeks. He said it needed to "keep options open.

"The application to demolish the building in no way undermines the business case being put forward by the campaigners," he said. Friends chairman Geoff Fitzpatrick said: "We are in a bit of a limbo period now – the business plan is nearly complete."

Boy rescued from mud

A TEENAGER was rescued by firefighters after getting stuck in waist-deep mud for more than two hours.

Fire crews were called to a brook near Himley Hall on Sunday after his family raised the alarm.

The 16-year-old, who was suffering from shock, was pulled free after crews set up a bridge over the mud using ladders so they did not become stuck themselves.

His family took him to Russells Hall Hospital to have him checked out following his release.

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Home-loving Big Brother runner-up

Adam Kelly

A FORMER gang member from Dudley has told of his joy at finishing second in Big Brother – and how he was looking forward to returning home.

Just eight months ago Adam Kelly had a temporary job as a shop assistant at Toys R Us in Wolverhampton Road, Oldbury.

But now the 27-year-old, who lives in Oakham Road with his sister, Shelley and niece, Shana said he is "living a dream" despite missing out on the £50,000 prize in the Channel Five reality show. Walsall model Deana Uppal, a 23-year-old former pupil at Tividale Comprehensive School pupil, Oldbury, who finished third .

Adam, who has relatives in Oldbury, was beaten by his best friend in the house, Luke Anderson, admitted he never expected to reach the final two. He was born in Burton-on-Trent but raised in Los Angeles where he became a member of the infamous LA Crips gang.

He moved to Dudley a year ago after leaving the gang behind and said he now sees the Black Country town as his home. He said at the end of the series: "I can't wait to get back to my own bed and wake up when I want and smoke whenever I want.

"I'm really glad that I went on the show. I didn't know anything about it when I applied – I had just seen the end of Celebrity Big Brother and decided to fill in the form. It has been a great experience. I have been down a lot of roads in my life and things like this just don't happen to people like me. It's crazy."

Tragic families unite in demand for heart tests

A coroner says national screening is vital to detect potentially fatal heart defects. **LOUISE JEW** reports.

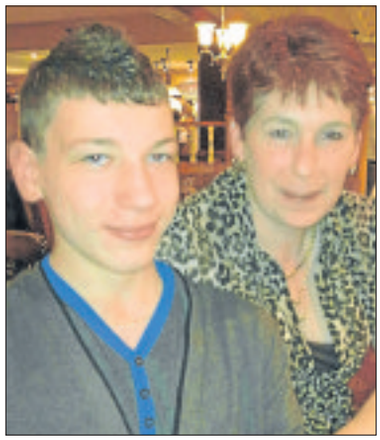
THEY are often very fit and sporty – but hundreds of young people aged under 35 die in this country every year from a sudden, undiagnosed heart problem.

Luke Chapman, from Hagley, a strapping 6ft tall 15-year-old, died from a sudden irregular heartbeat while playing rugby for his school at Kidderminster on March 20.

Halesowen 14-year-old Leon Mansell, a keen footballer who wanted to be a PE teacher, met a similar fate as he laughed and joked with friends in January last year, and fitness instructor Zoe Teale, from Cheslyn Hay, also died suddenly.

Now Birmingham Deputy Coroner Miss Sarah Ormond-Walshe has called for the Department of Health to consider launching a national heart screening programme after carrying out an inquest on Luke Chapman, of Meadowcroft, Hagley, who not only played for his school, Haybridge High, Hagley, but also Old Halesonians Rugby Club.

Luke Chapman – his death spurred screening plea


Leon Mansell – the keen footballer died at age 14

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But the Department of Health has so far rejected appeals for such screening, although it will reconsider the issue this year.

Expert cardiac pathologist Dr Mary Sheppard, of the Royal Brompton Hospital, London, told the Birmingham inquest that 10 to 12 otherwise healthy people aged under 35 died every week from sudden adult death arrhythmia – irregular heartbeat – in this country, often while doing sport.

She said the figure could be as high as 800 deaths a year.

The charity Cardiac Risk in the Young (CRY), which offers screening sessions, including some in the West Midlands, says that in Italy, where testing is mandatory for all young people active in sport, the sudden cardiac death rate has been reduced by a staggering 90 per cent.

The charity believes that everyone between the ages of 14 and 35 should have access to cardiac screening as 80 per cent of young, sudden cardiac deaths occur with no prior symptoms.

"The only way to find young people who harbour this condition is by participating in a proactive screening process," said CRY's chief executive and founder Alison Cox.

"Sport does not cause sudden cardiac death - but it can significantly increase a person's risk if they have an underlying condition.

"We are increasingly getting sports bodies making the decisions to use our screening but there should be a national screening programme by experts, particularly after the wonderful success of the Olympics."

But a Department of Health spokesman said that, so far, the UK National Screening Committee did not recommend launching such a programme. "This is because they found in 2008 that there is a considerable risk either of false positives, or of having heart problems that tests do not pick up," he said.

"This will be kept under review, and the committee will consider its advice again this year."

Luke's parents have backed the coroner's calls. His father Matthew, aged 47, said: "A lot die young – 800 a year, which is a whole school."

The Chapmans have been advised that close relatives of Luke should be tested to find out whether his condition could run in the family.

Referred

Members of Leon Mansell's family – his mother, Jean, brothers Craig, 24, and Matthew, 19, and sister Kerrie, 20, who is four months pregnant – have already undergone similar tests following last year's inquest on his death and were told they were fit and well.

However, his father, Bernard, who lives in California, was referred to a cardiologist following the tests.

Zoe's parents Peter and Julie Teale, have raised £60,000 since she died in her sleep in September 2009 to raise awareness and to launch heart screening sessions for young people in the West Midlands.

They have banked the money with CRY to organise annual testing sessions by an expert team at Stourbridge's Oldswinford Hospital School, where Mr Teale works as the catering manager, and at Aston Villa Football Club.

And they are sure their actions have already saved lives among the 200 pupils screened so far at the school and the 500 at Aston Villa.

Mr Teale, aged 50,said: "We had one 14-year-old boy screened at Aston Villa who would have been dead within four years – but a simple operation saved him.

"Around 10 per cent of those screened are found to have some kind of problem, whether minor or major, and they are then referred on to a cardiologist for further tests. Not all would have been fatal but some would."

Zoe, who worked at Fitness First gym, Wednesbury, was unaware of her heart defect.

Move for £3m EU cash for market

A BID for £3 million European cash is being drawn up to fund the revamp of Dudley Market – as council bosses work on detailed designs with traders.

The £6 million scheme will create new stalls with canopies and remove the ageing toilet block to create an unobstructed view across Dudley to the town's castle.

Dudley Council hopes half of the costs will come from the European Regional Development Fund – which has already stumped up cash for the new Castle Hill development in the town. The rest will come from the council itself.

The plans initially received a lukewarm response from stallholders who said the changes to the layout did not provide enough storage or shelter.

A petition of more than 2,800 names was handed in to council chiefs in February this year.

Some alterations were made to the plans after meetings with traders.

The council is also looking into starting a specialist market, possibly on Sundays – an idea originally raised when the authority bid for cash from retail guru Mary Portas's pilot scheme.

Councillor Shaukat Ali, said: "We will be meeting the traders again in September to take the scheme to the next level."

Kidney care shop moving

DUDLEY Kidney Patients Association is on the move to a new charity shop.

The group will launch its new premises in High Street, Kingswinford – three times the size of its old shop – on Saturday at 10.30am.

The shop is moving from Lawnswood Road, Wordsley, where it has been for the last four years.

Judith Sidaway, secretary of Dudley Kidney Patients Association, said: "Our new shop is on two floors."

Rambling time

A GUIDED walk in the Clent Hills, near Stourbridge, will be held on September 12. The three-hour ramble will start from Nimmings Wood car park. Book on 01562 712822 or email laura.broadhurst@nationaltrust.org.uk

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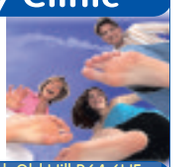

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£10,000 wrongly claimed

A HALESOWEN man was overpaid £10,711 in benefits while he failed to own up to working more than 16 hours a week.

Aurangzeb Mohammed, aged 42, of Masters Lane, admitted failing to notify the Department for Work and Pensions of a change of circumstances affecting his entitlement to income support between August 2008 and November 2011.

Dudley magistrates adjourned sentencing until September 12 to await a report on whether Mohammed would be suitable to carry out unpaid community work.

Mr Mark Cooper, prosecuting, said Mohammed's claim was originally legitimate and confirmed he was able to work up to 16 hours a week without it affecting his benefit.

But then he was found to have been working 25 hours a week without notifying the DWP.

Mr Cooper added that Mohammed was overpaid a total of £10,711.41.

Mr Suresh Joshi, defending, told the court Mohammed would repay the amount through a lump sum raised in a sale, which he viewed as belonging to his wife.

Charity is to set up choir

A CHOIR is being set up by a Dudley charity.

Dudley Mind is starting the "Feelgood Choir" in the town to help people socialise.

It will be run by jazz and soul artist Martin Trotman, who said: "I've seen how people have developed their confidence, made friends and gained skills and experiences in my current choir."

The choir will start rehearsals on Wednesday nights from 5.30pm on September 26.

Call 01384 442 398, or see www.dudleymi nd.org.uk

Inquest on man, 64, is adjourned

A STOURBRIDGE man who suffered with motor neuron disease died suddenly at home, an inquest heard.

Metalogist Martin Keith Davies, aged 64, died at his home in Stewkins, Amblecote, on August 11.

Black Country Coroner Robin Balmain adjourned the hearing at Smethwick Coroner's office.

Halesowen A-level students Sophie Beckley, left, and Natalie Lampett

Three high flying students from Oldswinford Hospital School who are off to study medicine – from left Olivia Horton, George Kuligowski and Lia Davies

Students and college's joy over record A Level results

THERE were plenty of smiles and a few tears as A Level results day was played out at colleges and sixth forms in Dudley borough.

Dudley College celebrated its best ever results success with a pass rate of 98.3 per cent – up from last year's 97 per cent.

Sunny Ahmed whooped with delight at the A and two Cs that are his passport to study journalism at Middlesex University, Sara Bobash at first shed a few tears at not quite making the grade for her first choice of going on to the University of Birmingham to study law.

But Sara, a champion hammer thrower, aged 18, of Willenhall Road, Wolverhampton, was all smiles when she learned her B grades in ICT and English Literature and C in law will get her into Wolverhampton University.

The silver lining is studying law in Wolverhampton will be a lot cheaper than in Birmingham – and she will be better placed to keep up her training with Wolverhampton and Bilston Running Club, as she sets her sights on representing Team GB at the Rio Olympics in 2016.

Celebrating their A level results at Dudley College are, from left, Sunny Ahmed, Sara Bobash, Phill Hammersley, Patrycja Figler, Matthew Ward and Jordan Zhao

Culture

Sunny, aged 20, achieved an A in communication and culture and Cs in business studies and film studies – and, even before he opened his results, he checked the UCAS website to find he had won his place at Middlesex, were part of his studies will be at a campus in Dubai.

"I couldn't sleep all last night, tossing and turning – and now I'm still surprised I've done so well and won my place at Middlesex," said Sunny, of Woodside Road, Holly Hall, Dudley, a former pupil at Holly Hall School.

He said some of his friends had been put off going to university because of the hike in tuition fees. "But, although it will cost me £9,000 a year and rent of £130 a week to go to Middlesex University, I see it as something I've got to do to invest in my future," he added.

Stourbridge College was celebrating a 99 per cent pass rate across all of the subjects.

Staff said results in courses such as law, drama, geography and history had shown "greatly improved results."

At King Edward VI College, Stourbridge, half of the students receiving their A-level results walked away with a prized A or A* grade, with an overall pass rate of 99.5 per cent. Principal Sharon Phillips said the results were "truly outstanding". Students at Oldswinford Hospital School, also in Stourbridge, achieved an overall pass rate of 96 per cent.

And 81.1 per cent of these passes were at grades A*, A or B.

Eleven students have had places confirmed to study medicine. Among them are three students who each got three A* grades – George Kuligowski, from Kinver, Olivia Horton, from Kingswinford, and Lia Davies, from Kinver.

Meanwhile, Haybridge High School and Sixth Form at Hagley achieved an overall pass rate of 99.1 per cent.

The percentage of A* to B grades leapt to 57.4 per cent. Outstanding results included Phoebe Facer, who got four A* grades, Matt Jones, with four A* grades and one A, and Archie McNeillis with four A* grades. Laura Tuck got four A* grades.

Halesowen College students have been celebrating after another record year for A level and vocational results – with 98.6 per cent achieving a pass.

Advanced

Twenty seven A level subjects achieved a 100 per cent pass rate including Archaeology, Economics, Law, Media, Film Studies and Environmental Studies. And already record numbers of advanced vocational students have attained triple distinction stars grades in their Extended Diplomas (equivalent to three A levels).

Gavin Kelleher, aged 18, was celebrating after achieving an A* in Business Studies and an A in Accounts and Information and Communication Technology. The former pupil of Coseley High School will be going to Leeds University to study International Business.

Gavin, from Coseley, said: "I am so pleased with my results as I was very nervous. I am delighted with my A* grade, it's wonderful."

Sophie Beckley and Natalie Lampett, both former students of Earls High School, were also delighted with their results and will be celebrating later.

Sophie, aged 18, from Cradley Heath, achieved an A* in Media and an A grade in English Language and Literature and History. She is going to study Marketing at Aston University.

She said: "I am really pleased with my grades, I have really enjoyed my time at Halesowen College and will now continue studying for my chosen career."

Natalie, from Halesowen, received an A* in Communications and Culture and an A in Media and Sociology.

NEWS in brief

Opinions sought on revamp plans

RESIDENTS and businesses in Cradley still have time to have their say on potential improvements in the Windmill Hill area.

The proposals, which could see work along Colley Gate and Windmill Hill, would be designed to improve access and make it more attractive to residents and visitors.

Displays on the potential improvements including new or improved street furniture, tree planting, green spaces and public art are on vieiw until September 7 at Cradley Library.

All feedback will help to formulate funding bids and packages.

Ex-zoo offices close to sale

AN OFFICE building formerly used by Dudley Zoo is close to being sold. Estate agent CP Bigwood confirmed the castle-style building in The Broadway with a price tag of £65,000 is under offer.

The site was used by the zoo until the end of March when a new office block was opened behind Dudley Hippodromeas part of a £10 million revamp at the zoo.

Appeal for help to track family

A BROTHER and sister are appealing for information to help track down their siblings after losing touch. Irene and Graham Smith are trying to find Barbara Joan, John and Tracy Ann Morris, who had been living in Long Lane, Walsall.

They are also looking for sisters Jacqueline and Janet, who are believed to have moved back to Dudley. Email jmh.9@live.com or call 01384 353203.

Theatre lines up its new season

DUDLEY Little Theatre will open its new season at Netherton Arts Centre with three nights of Hound of the Baskervilles on September 5.

It will be followed by The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe from December 5 to 8, Jane Eyre from March 6 to 9. The Office, by Ricky Gervais and Stephen Merchant, will be put on in May.

Time to socialise

THE next event for Stourbridge business community's Pint After Work group will be on August 22 at Graham's Place, Bridgnorth Road, Wollaston, at 5.30pm.

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THE BEST OF PETER RHODES

FROM the town of Kempten in Bavaria comes news of a mass brawl involving two families. One clan moved a park bench into the sunshine. Then the other lot turned up and said they always used that bench and wanted it in the shade. One family then rushed off and came back with chains and a padlock (so organised, these Germans) to prevent the others from moving it. After a bit of pushing and shoving the police arrived. And you wonder why the Germans always manage to grab the sunbeds on holiday. They spend the rest of the year practising.

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NO SOONER had the above item appeared online a few days ago than the politically-correct brigade descended on me by email, raging with the usual anonymous, holier-than-thou fury. One denounced it as "a childish piece of racist nonsense" and another declared piously that "journalism like this makes me ashamed to be English." Several called for me to be sacked. Listen. I will say zis only once. I have German friends. They love Britain. They adore our countryside, our coastline and most of our food. But the one thing they admire, cherish and envy more than anything else is our irreverent British sense of humour. I know they would laugh like a drain about the Bavarian bench-nicking story.

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SAD tale from a cyclist following the suggestion a few days back that all bike riders should have a bicycle bell. He fitted one some years ago and rang it "in a friendly manner" at a group of ramblers. Their leader, a 70-something with a walking stick, struck him and yelled: "How dare you ring that ****ing thing at me." Eager to avoid similar offence, the cyclist removed the bell. A little later he approached a group of ramblers, shouted "a friendly salutation" and was duly whacked on the back by the group leader, again a 70-something bloke with a walking stick who yelled: "Get a ****ing bell on that bike."

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AS NIGHT follows day, there is a rash of post-Olympics reports telling us how we can all live for ever by taking more exercise, even in middle-age. So go for it, all you couch potatoes. Do a quick 50 press-ups followed by a 100-metre dash. And if you suddenly notice your running companion is an old bloke in a black cloak carrying a scythe, do not be surprised. Peter O'Toole once remarked: "The only exercise I take is walking behind the coffins of friends who took exercise."

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BEWARE of Olympics-cobblers parading as fact - for example, the oft-repeated claim that Olympic success creates a fit and healthy nation. If that is true, how come the three medal-winning giants, China, the United States and Great Britain, lead the world in child obesity?

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AND IF playing fields are crucial to a nation's Olympic success, how come in the golden age of playing fields of the 1950s-80s we won tiddly-squit at the Games but now, with thousands of playing fields sold off, we are third in the medal table? You could probably draw a graph showing that the more playing fields we sell, the more medals we win.

Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star

Two locked up for armed robbery

TWO armed robbers who launched a terrifying £12,000 raid on a Dudley jewellers have been handed jail sentences totalling 14 years.

Martin Young and Carlus Walker pointed an imitation double barrelled shotgun at two female staff after bursting into the John Hollins store in Wolverhampton Street, in the town centre, a crown court judge heard.

Lynne Willetts, 59, and 53-year-old Elaine De-Akinbothun feared they could be shot because they could not have known the firearm was fake, Wolverhampton Crown Court was told last week.

In fact the weapon was two metal tubes taped together and covered by a plastic bag, the court heard. The pair fled with up to £12,000 and jewellery.

Young, aged 41, had been on licence from a seven-year jail sentence imposed for a £2,500 armed robbery committed on another jewellers less than 100 yards down the same road, in June 2006.

Walker, 19, had been one of two thugs armed with an axe and baseball bat who stole £12,000 and jewellery from John Brookes jewellers, Halesowen, on March 23, just days before the raid on the John Hollins store. Mr Brookes, 68, was bound to a chair. Young, from Frevil Road, Coventry, and Walker, of nearby Milverton Road, both admitted robbery and possession of an imitation firearm while Walker also admitted the John Brookes robbery.

The two defendants were arrested on April 13, after being identified on CCTV from the Hollins raid.

Young was jailed for eight years while Walker was ordered to be detained in a Young Offenders Institution for six years.

Traders seek payouts on roadworks impact

Traders left hundreds of pounds out of pocket due to roadworks outside their shops will seek compensation as some continue to count the cost of lost trade.

Resurfacing work took place along Brockmoor High Street and Leys Road, in Brierley Hill, at the end of June and into early July, causing trade at shops to plummet.

By Lee watton

And businesses along the route said they would be seeking compensation to try to cover the costs of lost custom during the period.

During the work motorists travelling from Wordsley could not access Leys Road for a half-mile stretch up Brockmoor High Street.

A diversion was put in place in Moor Street from the junction with Leys Road linking back to Brockmoor High Street via Fenton Street or to join Brierley Hill High Street.

Upturn

Traders said this had caused them to lose out on vital passing trade leading to a drop in takings at an already difficult time.

Rani Raj, of Select and Save, in Brockmoor High Street, said they were still counting the costs of the work.

"Business is inconsistent during the first three weeks of the summer holiday but having the work take place so close to this period means we have felt the impact even more," she said.

"We will be seeking compensation for the trade we lost during the roadworks.

Fellow trader Mark Wardley, of Black Country Bait and Tackle, also in High Street, said he was also seeking compensation.

"Thankfully, more people are coming through now and I have seen an upturn in trade and hopefully this will continue," he said.

"However, business was affected during the period of the roadworks."

Dudley Council cabinet member Councillor Judy Foster previously said the project was vitally important to the area.

Motorists warned over catalytic converter theft

POLICE are warning motorists to be vigilant after seven catalytic converters were stolen from vehicles in the past four weeks. Metal thieves have targeted Cars in Halesowen, Stourbridge and Brierley Hill for the high-value parts.

Neighbourhood officers are encouraging owners to mark their converters with a unique code, which is recorded with the vehicle and owner details on the Retainagroup register.

Sergeant Andy Springthorpe said: "This kind of theft is proving to be an issue across Dudley and it is important that all motorists and businesses who own high-clearance vehicles, like 4x4s or vans, are aware of how best to protect them. He suggested owners ask the garage to allow them to retain the cut area of the exhaust when they get it replaced as police may be able to make a mechanical match on any recovered converter.

Laser firm a cut above the rest

Midtherm Laser Ltd operations director Dean Cockayne at the construction site

Workers on site at the £2.3 million development which is nearing completion

A £2.3 million expansion of a laser cutting firm in Dudley that will increase staff by at least a quarter is nearing completion.

The8,000 sq ft premises at Midtherm Laser Ltd, Peartree Lane, is due to be finished in November – a month ahead of schedule, bosses have revealed.

The firm is initially taking on and training four shop floor staff while another two production and office and sales staff will be recruited, increasing numbers employed from 32 to 40.

And bosses say there could be even more new jobs in the coming months.

Midtherm bought council-owned land next to its 12,000sq ft building last year for the extension which will house a fifth state-of-the-art cutting machine, a press brake machine and tracking for storing sheet materials.

They have also ordered one of the UK's first Bystronic 3Kw Fiber Laser.

The new machines will allow materials to be cut quicker, which will save the company money, bosses say.

Operations director Dean Cockayne said: "It's nice to see that our long-term plans are coming to fruition."

Annual event to attract crowds

ALL the fun of the fair will return for an annual celebration in the heart of Netherton next month.

More than 3,000 people have attended the extravaganza each year since it launched in 2008.

Street performers, funfair attractions and live music will welcome people to the festival on September 8.

The festival was previously known as Victorian Day but Olympic fever has been incorporated this year.

One of the highlights is a drama performance with Queen Victoria strolling the streets.

Events are based around Netherton Arts Centre and the Savoy Centre, in Northfield Road, which will be closed for the day.

The entertainment runs from 9.30am to 6pm and attractions include Olympic sport displays, Morris dancers, penny farthing riders, the Salvation Army Brass Band and activities in Netherton Park.

There will be market stalls, Olympic artwork from Castle High School and singers singers from Northfield Road Primary School .

Organisers, the Netherton Regeneration Strategic Group, is looking for traders to take a pitch. Call 01384 813943.

Warning to limo firms

LIMO firms are being warned to make sure they have the correct cover after one firm was hit with a £1,000 fine.

Dudley Council is warning limousine firms they need the correct private hire licence and valid insurance.

It follows the prosecution of Splash Limousines, Dudley following council checks. Dudley magistrates fined the firm £1,000 for failing to have the appropriate licence. Guidance is available from the Licensing Office at 5 Ednam Road, Dudley or on 01384 815377.

Revenge date

A THEATRE group will bring a black comedy to Brierley Hill next month. Caramba's Revenge, by the Community Players, tells the story of three wo-men who keep their friend's death a secret. It runs September 5 to 8 at the Oakfield Centre. Call 01384 394349.

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Advice on hand over disability

A DISABILITY group in Dudley is setting up shop in the town to offer twice weekly help sessions.

Dudley Centre for Inclusive Living has moveed into the Time Step Community Hub, on the lower floor of Plaza Mall in King Street.

Help will be offered from the shop every Monday and Thursday between 1pm.

The first session started on Monday .

Volunteers will give out information on blue badge parking, direct payments, social care and public transport.

Practical information on holidays and eating out will also be given.

The group was set up in 2010 by couple Ken and Tracey McClymont, both campaigners for disabled people.

Mrs McClymont said: "All of our volunteers have disabilities and we think that this puts us in the best position to support others with disability related issues.

"Our new service will change people's lives by empowering them, giving choice and opening up a world of opportunities."

The group has been supported by charity Time Step Community Hub, which has given meeting and office space to several other community groups.

College is recruiting

FOURTEEN new teachers will join Dudley College to work in its new sixth form centre.

Contractor ISG said £6million Dudley Sixth will be finished in time for the start of the new term on September 3.

More than 50 teaching staff will be employed to teach 35 A Level subjects to the students.

There are 100 students enrolled, but 300 to 350 are expected to join for the new term.

Staffing will include 14 teachers from the college's five partnership schools.

Dart funds day

A CHARITY darts contest will take place at a Cradley pub on September 1. The 12-hour fundraising marathon will be at The Gate, Colley Gate. It will start at 10.30am and will also include a disco and raffle. Money raised will go towards funding sports activities for children with learning disabilities.

Zoo wins praise for its conservation work

Birds leader Kellie Piper in Penguin Bay

DUDLEY Zoo has been recognised for helping a species stave off extinction in a new study.

A list of 10 species whose future is most reliant on conservation programmes has been drawn up by the British and Irish Association of Zoos and Aquariums.

Dudley Zoo's conservation work with the white-clawed crayfish comes in at the number two slot on the list, compiled using data from conservation experts across the country. Zoo chief executive Peter Suddock said: "Sadly 95 per cent of the population of Britain's only native freshwater crayfish has now been lost and Dudley Zoo is among a team of zoos leading the rescue of this rapidly-disappearing species.

"The top ten list highlights just how vital good zoos are in securing a future for these often little known but important creatures.

"This is just one of a series of conservation programmes for highly endangered native species we run at DZG, and while they may not appear to be our most glamorous projects they are certainly vital to the whole ecosystem."

The 10 list also includes Polynesian tree snails, the Potosi pupfish from Mexico and the Scimitar-horned oryx from Africa, which are all extinct in the wild.

Meanwhile, dozens of zoo's highly-endangered Humboldts have been basking in the newly-launched Penguin Bay enclosure, which opened in May and has proved popular with visitors.

Mr Suddock said: "Penguin Bay has been designed in response to visitors' requests to get nearer to our colony of rare Humboldt penguins and the new layout means they are able to do just that, plus have a fantastic overhead viewing platform to watch them swimming."

School prom limousine firm had no operation insurance

A DUDLEY limousine firm which takes youngsters to school proms across the region has received a £1,000 court bill after being caught in a sting operation without a private hire licence or valid insurance.

Council officers swooped after a father who wanted to book a vehicle for his daughter's school prom asked if Splash Limousines was licensed. When licensing officials then made a booking they found the firm did not have a licence to operate private hire vehicles, Dudley Magistrates Court heard last week.

By Adam Burling

The insurance policies, which stated they covered private hire cars, therefore became invalid, Mr Tim Holder, prosecuting, said.

The firm is run by Lee Jeavons and Rachel Marson, who said they could end up going out of business as a result of the court hearing.

Marson and Jeavons, who drove the limousine, told magistrates they believed they were covered by the insurance and said council officials told them the authority did not license limousines, so they thought they could continue operating.

Mr Shabir Qureshi, defending, said: "Five years ago there was a lot of talk among other limo companies that a private hire licence may be required, but Miss Marson was given the clear impression that there was no need for this in Dudley."

But enforcement officer Trevor Parkes said the council had started licensing limousines three years ago due to a change in the law.

"He said they should have been aware of this and needed to apply for a new licence.

But the couple claimed all they had been sent was information relating to taxis and Hackney carriages.

Jeavons, 32, of Pensnett Road, Dudley, admitted using a vehicle without third party insurance and driving and operating a private hire vehicle without a licence.

Marson, 28, of Greenfield Road, Kingswinford, admitted permitting the use of a vehicle with no insurance, and operating a private hire vehicle without a licence.

They were each fined £300, ordered to pay £200 costs and a £15 victim surcharge.

Six points were put on their driving licences.

Check out charity

STAFF from a Stourbridge supermarket are celebrating raising money for two charities following a series of events. More than £1,000 has been raised by Sainsbury's Amblecote store for the Rainbow Breast Reconstruction Group and the Brierley Hill Project. It was reached thanks to the retailer's match-funding charity scheme called Local Heroes.

The fundraising staff who took part were Julie Bate, Sue Clewes, Joan Grazier, Coleen Shakespeare and Marcia Welch Store manager Vernon Dix said: "We are very proud to have colleagues who are so dedicated to helping out."

Diamond day for long-running marriage

Eva and Ron Bentley celebrate their diamond wedding anniversary at their home

The couple's wedding day

Ron's record run in 1973

A LONG-DISTANCE runner has looked back over his record-breaking career as he prepares to celebrate another milestone – celebrating 60 years of wedded bliss.

Ron Bentley, aged 81, achieved running fame in 1973 when he completed 161 miles in a single 24-hour event held at Walton-on-Thames – a new world record at the time.

And it was not the only running success he enjoyed. In 1971 he won a 100-mile race held in London completing it in a time of 12 hours and 37 minutes – the third fastest time in the world.

Mr Bentley joined Tipton Harriers in 1951 after leaving the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers. He remains club president.

"The feeling I got from taking part in these events was wonderful," he said. Mr Bentley, of Prospect Road, Gornal Wood, is now celebrating another achievement as he and wife Eva celebrate their diamond wedding.

They were married at Hurst Hill Methodist Church on August 16 1952. They first met in 1949 at a dance held at St Peter's Church, Upper Gornal.

The couple have two children 57-year-old Jane and 53-year-old Ron and three grandchildren.

Mr Bentley, now 81, said: "My wife was always very supportive of my running. She made a lot of sacrifices."

NEWS in brief

Children can get bug for nature

CHILDREN can hunt for the Dudley Bug at Wren's Nest National Nature Reserve on August 28.

Wardens will take them back to a time when the borough was under water at the bottom of a tropical sea and life existed only on coral reefs and shallow lagoons.

Children must be accompanied by an adult, and sturdy footwear is recommended for the 10am-12.30pm session as the walk includes slopes and steps. Places need to be booked on 01384 812785.

Pageant for glass makers

WORKSHOPS are being held in Stourbridge for youngsters to take part in the finale of the International Festival of Glass.

The Glasshionistas show will feature a Mardi Gras-style pageant on August 25 and 26 at 3pm at the Ruskin Glass Centre. Inspired by Andrew Logon and Zandra Rhodes' Glitzy Glass Fashion Show at the 2006 Glass Festival, it is described as "part show, part parade". To book tickets call 01384 399410.

Fears over plan for former hotel

PLANS to convert a hotel into apartments have sparked objections from nearby residents who fear it will overlook their homes and cause traffic problems.

The Mount Hotel, Clent was bought in December after standing empty since it was hit by fire in 2008.

An application has been made to convert it into seven apartments and build three houses.

Ideas sought on park revamp

PEOPLE are being invited to have their say on a planned £2.5 million revamp of Mary Stevens Park, Norton, Stourbridge.

Dudley Council is urging the public to contribute ideas. The consultation will go towards a second application to the Heritage Lottery Fund. To take part visit www. dudley.gov.uk

Garden to open

A COUPLE will be welcoming visitors to their garden near Stourport as part of the National Gardens Scheme. Tim and Lesley Smith, of Astley Towne House, Astley, will welcome callers on August 26 between 1pm and 5pm. Admission is £4 for adults and free for children.

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NEWS

Charity night planned in memory of tragic mother

Mia Griffin with grandmother Carol Griffin and aunt Gill Geary with children's entertainer Alex Silk all ready for a charity event in memory of Nikki Griffin

A MOTHER of two, who died of skin cancer, will be honoured by her family when they hold a fundraising night as a tribute to her.

Nikki Griffin, of Stourbridge, was diagnosed with an aggressive form of skin cancer at Christmas 2010 and battled the disease for more than a year. She died in January aged 41.

Her heartbroken family said they had wanted to repay the kindness of palliative nurses at Dudley's Russells Hall Hospital, who had helped care for Nikki in her final days.

She previously ran a wedding business, called Memories Forever, in the grounds of David Lloyd's Gym, in Brierley Hill.

Nikki's brother, Christopher, a doctor in London, arranged for her to undergo experimental treatment which has worked for many patients.

But unfortunately for Nikki it was unsuccessful.

Designed

Carol said: "We are hoping the fundraising evening will be well supported and we hope to raise thousands of pounds for the nurses who were so kind to Nikki.

"We wanted to do something for them and as a fitting tribute to Nikki.

The event will be staged at the Copthorne Hotel, in Brierley Hill, on October 6 from 7pm until midnight and feature music, family entertainment and a raffle.

It has been organised by Nikki's mother Carol, her aunt Gillian Geary and her nine-year-old daughter Mia.

Gillian has designed the tickets for the event with help from Mia who has had a say in their final look.

Nikki Griffin

Nikki's 24-year-old son Jayden has also helped to sell tickets for the event. The family hopes to raise thousands of pounds for the palliative nurses.

And staff at Peters Hill Primary School, which is attended by Mia, agreed to support the nurses as their annual charity next year.

To book tickets for £10, can call 07525 367295 or 07828 262887.

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LETTERS

No justice over attack on dog

DURING the afternoon of August 14 my dog was badly attacked by another dog in Vale Street park, Upper Gornal, leaving him with a large portion of an ear torn off and several other serious bite marks.

The dog tran the length of the football pitch to attack and was not on a lead or wearing a collar. Even when we did manage to separate the dogs, the other owners didn't put its lead or collar on so couldn't hold him. He got free to attack my dog again and cause further serious injury and distress.

My two young children were a witness to this and became extremely upset. The dog's owner then attempted to leave the park and take no responsibility so I followed him and called the police, who did attend and apprehend the man and his dog.

They were unable to take any action because the dog didn't attack a human. They did say they were going to seize it as a possible pit bull type, but if it wasn't the dog would be returned to the owner to do the same again.

How is it possible that such a dangerous dog can be allowed to attack other dogs in a public park without any sanction? Fortunately, I was able to wade into the fight to help release my dog but there are plenty of people who walk their dogs in parks who would not have been able to intervene – what would have happened to their dog?

I am now left with a huge vet bill, a dog with serious injuries and in great pain, and very distressed children and wife. The owner of the attacking dog walks away scott free. Where is the justice in this? I intend to launch a campaign.

If any readers have any similar issues or would like to join or help out with the campaign please contact me at helpfor dogs2012@gmail.com

NEIL WATTS

Praise for work of the NHS

NOT a week goes by without someone who has experienced urgent NHS medical intervention, contacting you to express their thanks to those concerned.

It is easy for the reader to treat such letters with flippancy but it is only when you have personal experience of such treatment do you grasp their true meaning and also realise what a terrific institution we have in the NHS.

Following my recent aortic aneurysm repair and simultaneous dual heart valve surgery, I can testify to the professionalism, judgement, dedication, patience and courage of all NHS staff that cared for me. To Mr Billing and his team on the Cardiothoracic Ward at the Heart and Lung Centre, New Cross Hospital, and Mr Forsey, at Russells Hall Hospital, my family and I would like you to know that we owe you a debt of gratitude that we cannot hope to repay.

MRS G. SLATER
Lower Gornal

LETTERS to the Editor

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Letters should be brief and MUST include name, address and telephone number of the writer. The Editor reserves the right to condense letters.

Time to end parking this 'tax of the sick'

DUDLEY Council's attempts at easing the car parking problem around Russells Hall Hospital may have been done in good faith in an attempt to help local residents, but what their actions are actually achieving is the exact opposite by adding more fuel on the "tax on the sick" monopoly fire.

The simple fact is that the more restrictions the council places around the hospital, the less choice staff and visitors have but to cough up our hard earned cash to park.

Why is it the council cannot see the best way to solve the problem is to revert to the original system of free hospital parking for patients, staff and visitors? Then why would anyone want to park on the surrounding roads anymore?

What sort of a twisted country do we now live in that disabled visitors have to use their rights to park freely on the double yellow lines around the hospital and struggle across the busy road to avoid the tax on the "tax on the sick" charges on NHS ground? Charging disabled persons to park at a hospital is about as mean and greedy as it gets.

Time to end the private ghouls tax on the sick monopoly and give English hospitals visitors and our doctors and dentists surgeries free hospital parking for all. Simples.

G E FANTHOM, Hinksford Gardens, Swindon

Press red for anger over TV

WE enjoyed watching the Olympic Games, what we could see of them.

We have Freeview, but could not access many of the programmes. For instance, on many occasions, we were told the coverage continues on the red button. This was dormant.

Press the red button, then the blue and nothing. We were told that it would be easy.

What the heck were we supposed to do when cycling events were taking place, as was evident from the action on the screen, but all we could get was the Jake Humphries Show. Is, or was, he more important than the action?

On numerous occasions, prize presentations were taking place, and the presenters/commentators were talking over the ceremonies.

We enjoyed what we were able to see but sadly, I am glad that it is over.

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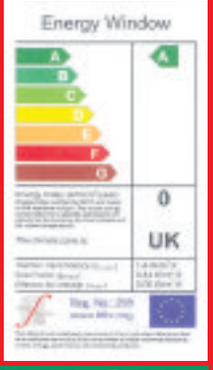

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Dome cinema at glass event

A 360 DEGREE cinema is being installed at a Dudley glass centre as part of an event that will attract thousands of visitors.

Blowing the Boundaries is coming to Ruskin Glass Centre for this month's International Festival of Glass.

The 16ft dome with 360 degree internal projection will be at Ruskin Glass Centre from August 24 to 27.

Visitors can walk in and view projections, live streamed activities and international link-ups which will all be beamed on to the inside of the dome.

The dome will provide centre stage for special events including electronic link-ups with other museums and artists around the globe. For details on the International Festival of Glass 2012 visit www.ifg.org.uk or call the festival office on 01384 399410.

Extra powers will help police to crack down on youth gangs

GANGS congregating in an area of Dudley can be moved on by police under new powers to crack down on anti-social behaviour.

A dispersal order has been secured by officers in the Leasowes region of Halesowen because gangs were causing havoc. The order will allow them to break up groups of two or more youths who gather in specific areas and prevent them from returning.

The action follows complaints from residents and vandal attacks in the Leasowes Park. The order, which will run until February 2013, also means officers can return anybody under the age of 16 to their home between the hours of 9pm and 6am. Roads covered by the order include Kent Road, Manor Lane, Leasowes Lane, Western Avenue and Shenstone Avenue.

The action has been welcomed by locals who say youths have been damaging properties and shouting abuse.

Hacked

Two slides, two swings, a climbing wall and chain bridge were also hacked down at The Leasowes park in September.

Ward councillor, Alan Taylor, said: "There have been a number of examples of gangs causing a nuisance and people were having to put up with quite a lot of abuse. They were leaving rubbish around, and in some cases, damaging gates and fences. Dispersals are a good idea and they give police that extra power."

Sergeant Elizabeth Benson, from the Halesowen neighbourhood team, said: "Residents and businesses in the area have told us they are affected by anti-social behaviour and can be intimidated by large groups who gather in some areas. We will be patrolling the area frequently and enforcing this dispersal order," added Sgt Benson.

Warning over drug cocktails

A CAMPAIGN is being launched in Stourbridge to make revellers aware of the dangers of cocaine and alcohol.

Dudley's Community Safety Partnership has issued a warning about cocaethylene, which is a chemical formed when cocaine and alcohol are mixed together.

Campaigners will visit bars and clubs over the August bank holiday weekend, handing out leaflets, bottles of water and wristbands to anyone out enjoying themselves.

Councillor Judy Foster, cabinet member for community safety, said: "Alcohol and cocaine are a lethal mix and it is important for young people to be made aware of this.

"As well as being linked to irrational and violent behaviour, combining alcohol and cocaine can lead to cardiac-related illness," added councillor Foster.

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Lye
Salvation Army 55 High Street, 7.30pm
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Sedgley
Cotwall End School, Cotwall End Road, 7.00pm
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Dudley Wood
Methodist Church Quarry Road 9.30am Tel: Lisa 01384 820587

TUESDAY

Wollaston
St James C of E Primary School, Kingsway, 7pm
Tel: Delwyn 01562 887922

Bromley/Kingswinford
Dingle Community Centre, Madeley Road, 7pm Tel: Diane 07974 657589

TUESDAY

NEW GROUP From 4th Sept
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Upper Gornal Methodist Church, Spills Meadow (off Kent Street), 7.00pm
Tel: Lynn 07963539384

Pedmore
Hob Green School Tuesday 7.00pm
Tel: Paula 07846 847068

Amblecote
Peters Hill Primary School, Peters Hill Road, 6pm & 7.30pm Tel: Lynne 01384 455427

Norton
Gigmill Primary School The Broadway, 7pm
Tel: Aimee 07967 771001

Rowley Regis
Learning Campus, Curral Road,7.30pm
Tel: Kenton 07982 408088

Gornal
Zoar Methodist Church, Abbey Road, 5.00pm & 7pm
Tel: Sue 01384 211425

Oldbury
Sainsbury's (Savacentre) Freeth Street, 6pm & 7.15pm
Tel: Ann 0121 422 3296

Woodsetton
Bramford Primary School, Park Road Entrance, 7pm
Tel: Jared 07807 587323

WEDNESDAY

Stourbridge
Territorial Army Centre, Wiggin House, Swinford Road, Oldswinford 9.30am
Tel: Marie 01384 893001

Kingswinford
Royal British Legion, Summerhill, 3.30pm, 5.00pm & 6.30pm
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WEDNESDAY

NEW GROUP From 26th Sept
Lower Gornal
The Straits Primary School, Longfellow Road, (entrance Milton Crescent), 7.00pm
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NEW GROUP From WED 5th Sept
Amblecote
Amblecote Primary School, School Drive 7.00pm Tel: Caroline 01562 888315

Brockmoor
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Tel: Ian 01384 827999

Oldswinford
St Mary's Church,Hall, Rectory Road, 4pm, 5.30pm & 7.30pm
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St Michaels Church, Tividale Road, 7.00pm
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Dudley/Upper Gornal
Bishop Milner R.C. School, Burton Road, 7.00pm Tel: Sue 01902 882323

THURSDAY

NEW SESSION From THURS 6th Sept
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Hagley Primary School, Park Road, 5.30pm & 7.30pm Tel: Paula 07846 847068

Brierley Hill
Nine Locks Community Centre, Hill Street, 9.15am
Tel: Gillian 01384 830929

Stourbridge
St Thomas Church Hall, Market Street, 10.00am
Tel: John 01384 423616

Hawbush
Oakfield Centre, Brettell Lane, 5.00pm & 7.00pm
Tel: John 01384 423616

Stourbridge
Greenfield Primary School, Hill Street, 7.00pm Tel: Marie 01384 893001
Parking on playground

Pensnett /Bromley
Liberal Club, 102 High Street, 4.00pm, 6.00pm
Tel: Gillian 01384 830929

Sedgley/Upper Gornal
St Chads & All Saints Social Club, High Holborn, Dudley Road, 5.00pm & 7.00pm
Tel: Sue 01902 882323

Dudley
Central Methodist Church, Cross Street, 10.00am, 12 noon, 5.00pm & 7.00pm
Tel: Sue 01384 211425

FRIDAY

NEW GROUP From 21st Sept
Kingswinford
St Mary's Church Hall The Village, 10.00am
Tel: Sue 07825 354224

SATURDAY

Lower Gornal
Roberts Primary School Robert Street, 9.30am
Tel: Tommy 07736679559

Amblecote
Oakfields Community Centre, Brettel Lane, 9.30am
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Cradley
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NEWS

Set for charity kick-off

Councillor Judy Foster, Mayor Melvyn Mottram and Councillor Pete Lowe ready for the charity match

SIGNED football memorabilia and Premier League tickets will be up for grabs at a charity match to bring in funds for three good causes in the Black Country.

Wolves, West Bromwich Albion, Aston Villa and Birmingham City have backed the game, organised by Dudley Council, which will be held on August 28.

Stourbridge's Redhill School has made the pitch available free of charge for the game and sports shop Soccer Kings, Amblecote, has supplied trophies.

All cash raised from the event, which runs from 6pm to 8pm, will go to Diabetes UK Stourbridge, Dudley and District Support Group and Dudley Stroke Association, which are those being supported by Dudley's Mayor Councillor Melvyn Mottram during his year in office.

Tickets to matches and signed football goodies will be available through an auction and raffle. The evening will also feature fun football activities from West Bromwich Albion's community programme, The Albion Foundation.

Police chase after man with axe ran from house

A MAN carrying an axe climbed over his garden fence pursued by police officers after they were called to a disturbance at his Halesowen home, a court heard.

By Lee Watton

Brett Moore was chased by officers on foot for a short time before they caught up with him, Dudley Magistrates Court was told last week.

He immediately dropped the axe he was carrying and he was searched by police officers who then discovered nunchucks, a Wii game accessory.

The court heard officers had been called to reports of a disturbance at Moore's address in The Longcroft, on June 30.

They were then told he had left the property and was carrying an axe.

Police started to search for him but he returned home. They found him in the garden and upon seeing the officers he climbed the fence and fled.

Moore, aged 48, pleaded guilty to possessing an offensive weapon in a public place and possessing a sharp pointed article in a public place at a previous hearing.

District Judge Michael Wheeler ordered him to carry out 150 hours unpaid work and placed him under a community order with supervision for 12 months.

Mr Mark Cooper, prosecuting, said: "He made a full and frank admission to the police."

Dance your way to fitness

PEOPLE can try out Bokwa, a new dance-based fitness class, at taster sessions running at Stourbridge's Crystal Leisure Centre. it combines a mix of kick boxing and traditional South African war dance to African, Latin and dance music. The Dudley Council centre will be running one-hour taster sessions on August 24 to 31 from 6.30pm to 7.30pm. The two taster sessions are free for centre members and £2.50 for non members.

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Council worker jailed for £19k payroll fraud

A NEWLY-APPOINTED council worker who diverted a chief executive's salary into his girlfriend's account within a day of starting his job has been jailed for 14 months.

Law graduate Stuart Southwick, of Blackberry Lane, Halesowen, also sent a retiring colleague's final salary payment into the same account, a court heard.

He blew the £19,000 on a second-hand Porsche, trips to London, clothes, drink, and a new computer and television.

Warwick Crown Court heard how he began working for Solihull Council having got the job through an agency.

Mr Andrew Tucker, prosecuting, said the 26-year-old was working in the payroll department where he could gain personal details, including their banking details.

Those included community housing chief executive Steve Boyd and a female council employee who was due to retire and to receive a large final payment.

He changed their account details and, as a result, Mr Boyd's £6,035 salary and the woman's final salary payment of £13,688 were not paid into their bank account on May 15, but into Southwick's girlfriend Samantha Mason's account.

His fraud came to light because discrepancies with the woman's bank details were spotted. Inquiries showed the payment had been made into Miss Mason's account and most had been withdrawn by her the same day, Mr Tucker said. Recorder Richard Bond said Southwick, had duped her.

Mr Trevor Meegan, defending, said Southwick, who admitted fraud, did not have his own bank account because he had run up a large overdraft.

Motorbike set on fire

ARSONISTS targeted a motorbike in Halesowen. The bike was left on grass on Stourdell Road last week when it was set alight at around 1am.

Keep on running for Rotary

Rotarian Barry Wheeler, with front from left, rotarians David Matty, Steve Jones, leisure centre manager Simon Cotterill and Alan Boulder, with leisure centre staff

ORGANISERS of a new road fun run are appealing for people to take part as they aim to raise thousands of pounds for good causes.

They hope up to 500 runners will join the 5km event on September 16 through Halesowen's streets.

Halesowen and Rowley Regis Rotary Club is calling on residents and businesses to back the event.

Cash will go to Birmingham Children's Hospital, the Midlands Air Ambulance and Macmillan Cancer Support.Rotarian and organiser Alan Bowler said: "We want to get as many people as possible on board to raise as much money as we can for these charities.

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NEWS

£2.1m arts centre is set for its official unveiling

A £2.1 million arts centre which has been built on the site of a former glass factory in Stourbridge was being unveiled.

The old glasshouse, which was part of Royal Doulton, Amblecote has been transformed into a venue for training, arts exhibitions and performances.

An auditorium for 400 people has been built and its Lehr theatre has been revamped. The official opening coincides with the start of the International Festival of Glass the following day.

The Glasshouse Arts Centre shares the same site as the Ruskin Glass Centre and has been funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund and the Arts Council. It's hoped the centre will also provide training and apprenticeship opportunities for future glassmakers.

Aonghus Gordon, director of Ruskin Mill Trust, which is behind the development, was due to give a talk on the project and guests were to be given a tour of the site.

The glasshouse's insulation has also been improved to ensure the building can be used all year round. It is the second phase of the Glasshouse Redevelopment Project. The first saw some of the old factory buildings to create the Ruskin Glass Centre.

The work cost £1.5m and was competed around three years ago with funding from Advantage West Midlands.

It is home to 14 small businesses and has been visited by thousands of people since it opened. Plans are being drawn up fo the third and final phase of the project.

All-round festival view

A 360 degree cinema is being installed at Ruskin Glass Centre as part of the International Festival of Glass. Blowing the Boundaries is a 16ft dome at Ruskin Glass Centre from August 24 to 27. Visitors can walk in and view a range of projections, live streamed activities and international link ups which will all be beamed onto the wall. The dome will provide centre stage for a series of special events.

Prime spot for glass

Assistant Jackie Dymock with pieces from the Number Ten Collection

A STUNNING collection of engraved glassware designed for the Prime Minister and guests at Downing Street has gone on display at Wordsley's Red House Glass Cone.

The Number Ten Collection of 42 pieces including tumblers and carafes will be handed over to be used at official functions in October.

Created by the Guild of Glass Engravers, the collection features different elements of Britain's architectural heritage engraved onto the glass. The Red House Glass Cone is one of the landmarks included in a piece by engraver Sandra Snaddon.

The collection is part of a wider exhibition called 21st Century Engraved Glass which runs until October 7. Entry is free.

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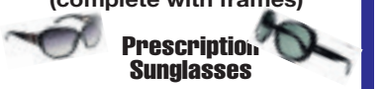

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CLUB NEWS

Pounding bounds in fundraiser

KIDDERMINSTER SOROPTIMISTS

AS the club takes a break in August, recent activities have shown the enthusiasm, interest and support for the local community.

Several members raised £100 for the West Midlands Air Ambulance when they 'Pounded the Bounds' in the annual walk around Rock Parish in May.

The club is are supporting the newly-formed Kidderminster Food Bank based at Baxter Church. Since opening, it has helped a number of needy families.

Members continue to donate much-needed toiletries for Nightstop, which provides emergency accommodation and support for young people aged 16 to 25.

Violence Against Women – Stop It Now! campaign also continues .

During a three-day weekend in May, the club welcomed members from its Friendship Link Club SI Heidelberg, Doris, Margaret and Cornelia and friends.

Activities were co-ordinated by Elke Jury and included taking in the sights around Bewdley, Bridgnorth, Clee Hills, Cleobury, Ironbridge, Kinver, Ludlow, Much Wenlock, Stourport and Worcester before they departed following a tour of Birmingham city centre. The visitors made a generous donation to charity funds as a thank you.

For more details regarding the activities and membership, call Elke Jury 01299 266101 or email on kidderminstersorop@gmail.com or look at www.sigbi.org

Jubilee quiz ends an enjoyable afternoon

Townswomen Guild members have a promotional stand at Morrisons in Aldridge

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MEMBERS dressed in red, white and blue for a Jubilee celebration with a street party theme. Music from the 1950s was played. A Jubilee quiz ended an enjoyable afternoon.

Social events are still going strong, the Luncheon Group had 12 members enjoying their lunch at The Whitehouse, Walsall.

A trip to Hereford countryside, Cotswolds towns and villages was a great success. The Black Country Living Museum in September is selling well and a visit to the Organ Chase Cinema, Cannock has been booked for November. A Christmas meal has also been booked for The Terrace Restaurant.

July's speaker was Audrey Hall talking about 'Taking Shirley Valentine to Greece'.

Also in July, committee members took a stand in the foyer of Morrisons supermarket, Aldridge to promote the Guild. The next meeting is on September 24 from 2pm at Aldridge Community Centre. Molly Murray will talk about 'The Little Black Dress'.

Putting on The Ritz to celebrate

SHELFIELD AFTERNOON TOWNSWOMEN

SHELFIELD Afternoon Townswomen's Guild is going from strength to strength. Although a fairly new club, members are thoroughly enjoying themselves.

The club recently visited Chatsworth House, had a fabulous 'The Ritz' garden party to celebrate the Jubilee, and will visit Powis Castle in September. The guild has varied and interesting speakers each month, and enjoy easy quizzes and fun games. There is also a monthly walking group which always end with lunch.

Thirteen members attended the AGM in Birmingham at had a great time.

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Privilige of honouring those men who sailed the convoys

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"It was said back then that unemployment was a price worth paying. That was wrong then and it's still wrong now but I'm worried that all the signs show that history is in danger of repeating itself."

BEING the MP for my home town is the greatest honour and privilege the people of Dudley could give me.

However, I have never felt so honoured and so privileged as I was on Sunday when Phyllis Coyle invited me to join her family and friends and others from Dudley to unveil a memorial to the heroes who served on the Arctic Convoys.

Some of those men were there, along with their relatives.

All told, there must have been 300 people to witness the memorial being unveiled.

Phyllis Coyle is a great woman.

She has achieved a lasting memorial to men who braved perilous seas, mountainous waves, freezing temperatures and German u-boats to keep vital supply lines open in what Churchill called the worst journey in the world.

I was proud to know Mick Coyle, proud to count as a friend someone who had done so much for his country, for local charities, for his comrades through SSAFA and the Royal British Legion and for the Borough and people of Dudley.

I am sure that Mick would be just as proud of Phyllis, Jennifer, Gordon and the rest of their wonderful family as all of us in Dudley are of him.

I think every school in Dudley should take their pupils to Alrewas to reflect on what others have given for the rest of us. These men and women did not just win wars or defeat terrorists, they won the right of the rest of us to live in a country governed by the great British values of democracy, equality, freedom, fairness and tolerance – the values that make this the greatest country in the world.

The National Memorial Arboretum itself is genuinely awe-inspiring.

I'd encourage anybody to visit because of the insight it gives you into the forces' sense of duty.

It is impossible not to reflect on the enormity of their sacrifice.

If ever I am asked to vote on committing British forces to combat, I will go back to Alrewas to think about the enormous cost these decisions have for the brave men and women of the armed forces.

That is where I will make a decision like that.

CHANGE OF COURSE

Einstein said that the definition of insanity was doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results.

The Tories have been saying for the last two years that their deep spending cuts will eventually pay off by shrinking the deficit and creating the conditions for growth.

But the only thing that is shrinking is the British economy.

Growth has stalled for the last two years and their plans to eliminate the deficit in the course of this Parliament have had to be abandoned as the contracting economy has led to them borrow £158billion more than planned.

Not even his most fervent supporters would liken George Osborne to Einstein but the evidence is mounting that his determination to plough on with a failing strategy amounts to economic insanity.

Now 23 out of the 24 economists who very publicly backed his plan after the General Election are urging him to change course.

The real tragedy is the damage being done to the prospects of people in the Black Country and areas like it across the country.

The latest round of unemployment figures show the number of people out of work and claiming benefits is up again and, at 6.8 per cent, stands at nearly twice the national average.

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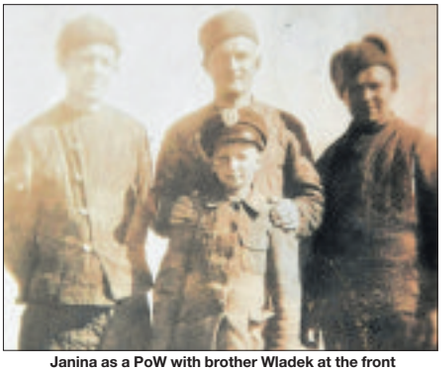
Janina as a PoW with brother Wladek at the front

Janina Chmielewska and her son Edward

War camp survivor wins medal seven decades on

A GREAT Wyrley woman has received the Siberian Cross from the Polish Government for her time in a repatriation camp.

by Richard Woodall

Janina Chmielewska was one of many Polish people dragged from their homes and moved to Siberia in April 1940. She was removed from the country at the age of 15 along with her 11-year-old sister Helena and 13-year-old brother Wladek. The youngster was then put to backbreaking farming work and laying railway track.

"The time there was terrible," recalled Janina, now 88, of Jacobs Hall Lane. "They kept us sometimes without food for two or three days. A lot of old people died on their way there. We had to work in places they put us in."

Her son Edward, from Walsall, is 59 and a history teacher at Wolverhampton's Heath Park Business & Enterprise College. He said: "My mother was at home and suddenly the Russian troops knocked on the door."

"She was given a couple of hours notice and just told by them to 'pack your things'. My mother would probably have been one of the oldest."

Upon leaving, he said, his mother took many layers of clothing with her in order to barter with when in Siberia.

"It had just been her birthday, and these were new clothes" he said.

"Her particular village, Zablocie, was on the eastern side of Poland. They were all rounded up, not knowing what was happening and yet probably expecting the worst. She was responsible for her younger brother and sister."

The journey was one of the hardest chapters for Mrs Chmielewska and her siblings. They were driven for mile after mile in cattle trucks in poor conditions and crowded spaces.

"The journey itself was horrendous. It was hot and unpleasant. They only had one small area for a toilet.

"People died in there. When they did stop, they were just hoping people would give them water."

When she arrived at the camp, she was left to fend for herself.

In June 1941 the farm workers were moved again, hundreds of miles away to lay 36 kilometres of railway line. They were made to work until, as prisoners of war, they were later released two months later.

Mr Chmielewska added: "My mother met my father, Marian, in Britain. Dad was a pilot and mum a wireless operator. I am very proud of my mother receiving it. It's important to recognise people's suffering."

Janina with her Siberian Cross medal

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NEWS

Home staff sign up to aid dementia charity

STAFF and residents at a nursing home in Dudley are warming up for the Black Country Memory Walk. The fundraiser, for the Alzheimer's Society, will be at Dudley Zoo on September 22.

It will generate vital funds for people with dementia.

A group of 30 workers and residents from Himley Mill Nursing Home have signed up. Participants can chose from a 1.5km, 5km or 10km route around the zoo and castle grounds.

To register, visit memorywalk.org.uk

Museum shows the best from the region

Back from left Bev Dipple, Christopher Turton, and exhibitions officer Adrian Durkin,with front from left cousins Ben Dipple, aged eight, and Jack Turton, four, at the Olympic inspired Greek exhibition

One of the pieces of art on display as part of the Olympic exhibition at the art gallery

A DISPLAY at Dudley Museum and Art Gallery puts a spotlight on West Midlanders who have competed in the Olympics over the last century.

Running alongside the panel of photographs showing about 40 of the region's "modern" Olympians, is an exhibition of original urns dating from the time of the ancient Greek games. Wolverhampton's Denise Lewis and Tessa Sanderson are among those featured in the Olympics exhibition, which was put together by Museum on the Move to tour the area.

But it also shows in action earlier Olympians, including marathon runner Jack Holden, who was born in 1907 and ran for Tipton Harriers, and Staffordshire-born athlete Joe Deakin, who competed at the 1908 games in London.

The museum's exhibitions officer Adrian Durkin said: "Our display highlights some of the Olympic athletes who have come from the Black Country."

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COMMERCIAL FEATURE

Make college first stop in your search for excellence

Principal Lynette Cutting and Joe Robinson, Student of the Year with other successes

It's not too late to start building a future in construction

NOW that GCSE results have come in, school leavers will be keen to secure their place at the region's best performing Further Education college. Enrolment for 16-18 year olds on full time courses starts at Stourbridge College TODAY – time to consider the next step in your search for excellence.

From September 2012 Stourbridge College is enhancing its courses for school leavers by creating Centres of Excellence in areas where we offer outstanding teaching and learning.

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Links

Lynette Cutting, principal and chief executive, said: "We are building upon areas of outstanding curriculum and enhancing these courses with a range of employer links, work experience and employability qualifications – some areas will benefit from trade discounts and unique links with universities – in order to ensure that students are well prepared for the world of work or moving on to university or higher education."

Our Centre of Sporting Excellence kicks off in September with academies in football, boxing, golf, rugby and equine as well as Centres of Excellence in Construction & Building Services, Creative Industries, Foundation Learning and Care, Early Years and Public Services.

Full details about the enrolment process are on the college's website along with some frequently asked questions to prepare you for what you need to do when you come along to enrol.

Remember, all enrolments are taking place at the Hagley Road Centre – even if

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Or if you haven't decided yet we can offer general advice and guidance.

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The next step in your search for excellence could be more practical and you might want to choose to do an apprenticeship which will prepare you for work rather than university. We're looking forward to welcoming you to Stourbridge College, but in the meantime 'Like' us on Facebook and we'll keep you up to date with college events. Check out the website: www.stourbridge.ac.uk or call us on 01384 344400 for more information.

Play golf like top sportswoman Kathryn Brookes

NEWS

Swimming time for youngsters at centre

STOURBRIDGE'S Crystal Leisure Centre is running 30-minute sessions for children aged four months to four years every Wednesday and Thursday at 2pm and 2.30pm during the school holiday.

The sessions, which include tuition from qualified instructors, help parents introduce their children to water in a fun and relaxed way. Sessions cost £4.60 per child and run weekly until August 30. Councillor Tracy Wood said: "Swimming is fantastic exercise as well as being great fun.

"The swimming courses are always very popular." For more information or to book a place, call 01384 812800 or visit www.dudley.gov.uk/sport

Peppa hogging the limelight for charity

Bowlplex staff members Nathan Westwood and Chelsea Pearson with Peppa Pig

CHILDREN'S TV favourite Peppa Pig delighted youngsters during a visit, which helped raise hundreds of pounds for youngsters.

Visitors poured in for the annual family fun day at a Sedgley charity's headquarters, where the character was the main attraction. The Beacon Centre for the Blind hosted the event and children were able to have their photographs taken with Peppa.

They were also able to have their faces painted, play bowls and buys from stalls.

Firm is proud to light games

A FIRM helped light up the Olympics after supplying new hi-tech LED lighting for a London 2012 venue.

PLM of Kidderminster took on the £100,000 "Roof Walk" project at London's O2 Arena, known as the North Greenwich Arena during the games.

The firm has used its new UniLED system, which bosses claim is more durable.

It was been developed at its base on the Hoo Farm Industrial Estate.

Bosses originally intended the lights to be sold for gardens and picnic areas but were asked to take on this larger-scale project by games organisers.

The viewing platform and walkway on top of the arena gives visitors panoramic views of the city.

Climbers will be provided with "roof suits" and harnesses as they climb to the top. At The O2's apex, 53m above ground level, there is a 12m diameter viewing platform. The walkway extends to the north side for climbers to descend to the ground.

The firm supplied and fitted 76 cube lights and 86 handrail lights, along with some lights for inside the building.

PLM managing director Phil Martin, who started the business 15 years ago, said: "We were thrilled to get the call to confirm the Millennium project.

"It's a real boost for the company that our projects have caught the attention of both national and international designers, meaning we are getting recognition in both the UK and world wide as lighting experts with options to work on some amazing forthcoming projects."

The firm, which has 15 staff, designed UniLED seven years ago as a simple plug-in system for outdoor lighting.

Legal high dangers alert

HEALTH chiefs in Worcestershire are warning about the dangers of "legal highs".

The drug and alcohol action team at Worcestershire County Council says use of the substances, which have been chemically altered to get around existing drug laws, is increasing among young people.

Debbie Herbert, the team's programme leader for young people, said: "These substances are freely available in the form of powders, tablets, liquids and herbal preparations."

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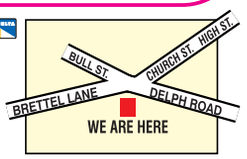

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College team wins award

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It was recently recognised by the business community at the Midlands Insider International Trade Awards.

Dudley College was nominated for the Education category because of its work in supporting, building and helping to deliver vocational skills throughout the Middle East and other countries.

The overseas work has involved members of the college's senior management team, including Principal Lowell Williams, delivering leadership and management training to education professionals in Saudi Arabia.

Drain covers thief is jailed for 'putting the public in danger'

A MAN has been jailed after magistrates told him that he had put members of the public in danger by stealing drain covers.

Mark Bilsby admitted stealing three drain covers in Lowndes Road, Stourbridge.

The 48 year old, of Trinity Road, Amblecote, was jailed for four weeks. Presiding magistrate Mrs Dawn Gill told him: "There is a prevalence of theft of metal in this community and this raises concerns for public safety."

She added that previous non-custodial sentences against Bilsby – who had 50 previous convictions involving over 100 offences – had failed to deter him from committing crime.

She said the magistrates had taken his record into account before deciding to jail him. A co-defendant, 72-year-old Ivan Allen, of Avenue Road, Blackheath, was at an earlier hearing given a 12-month conditional discharge and ordered to pay £85 costs.

Allen had also admitted stealing the drain covers.

Mr Mark Cooper, prosecuting, said police were called after two men were seen taking the covers from drains. Police found Bilsby and Allen on wasteland off Lowndes Road, with one of the drain covers on the trailer of Allen's van. Bilsby told police they had gone to the wasteland because he knew there were some old televisions there and he had intended to take them to a scrap dealer.

They claimed they found the drain covers, which had already been moved off the drains by somebody else.

Mr Cooper added that the police officers retrieved the covers and made the drains safe.

Mr Michael Davies, defending, said Bilsby had a "fearsome" record but had stayed out of trouble for two and a half years, which he described as a "feat in itself."

Cadets pull in pounds

SEA CADETS in Dudley showed their strength when they pulled a canal barge for 20 miles through the Black Country – raising £1,000.

The narrowboat was dragged along the waterways network from Dudley Canal Trust in Birmingham New Road to Brindley Place in Birmingham and back again.

The challenge took nine hours with the cadets working in shifts throughout the day.

Money raised will go to a new powerboat for safety cover whilst the cadets take part in sailing, canoeing or rowing, along with the winter maintenance programme of their boats.

Organiser Alan Beasley said: "We had had a smashing day out. It was so satisfying seeing the youngsters enjoying themselves."

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Snake man Mark is back after bite

Bitten by a deadly snake, reptile expert, Mark O'Shea

REPTILE expert Mark O'Shea has spoken of being almost poisoned by one of the world's deadliest snakes in a bizarre incident – as he returned to work at West Midland Safari Park less than 24 hours after being bitten.

The snake handler at the Bewdley attraction had been feeding a rat to King Cobra Sleeping Beauty when she sank her fangs into his shoe two days ago.

The bite did not break his skin so he did not realise that the venom had entered his body until he was on stage talking to visitors to the park shortly afterwards when he began to feel his throat seizing up and dizziness.

The 56-year-old said: "I was feeding the King Cobra a rat using forceps, which is the normal procedure, but she missed it. She was then moving around for it and went for the nearest thing which was my foot.

"I took off my shoe and rolled up my sock, which was soaking from the venom, but I could not see a bite mark."

"I then took out a python and went to do the animal encounter presentation on stage. I was talking about anacondas when I started to feel dizzy and was finding it hard to concentrate."

Mr O'Shea, originally from Wolverhampton but now living in Telford, apologised to the audience and left the stage for colleagues to carry out the snake bite procedure.

He was taken to hospital on Sunday afternoon, but required no treatment as the effects of the venom wore off.

"I had been wearing my boots without socks the weekend before and I had rubbed my toes raw. This was how the venom got in," the presenter said.

Paramedics were called to the scene at 4pm on Sunday.

Order on neighbour who shouted abuse

A MAN shouted abuse at a neighbour, causing his victim to become "paranoid" in his own home, a court heard.

Edward Fitzherbert-Stewart, aged 39, also set fire to a rubbish bin in a separate incident.

Fitzherbert-Stewart, of Clent Court, Vicarage Prospect, Dudley, admitted damaging a pane of glass in a communal door at the Dudley Council-owned flats where he lives, using threatening behaviour and arson.

Dudley magistrates gave him a 12-month supervision order, told him to pay £50 to the victim of his threatening behaviour and ordered him to pay £200 compensation to Dudley Council and £100 costs.

Mr Mark Cooper, prosecuting, said the neighbour was awoken at 2.15am when he heard someone kicking his door on July 21. He opened the door and Fitzherbert-Stewart shouted a homophobic insult at him.

The other offence was committed on July 24.

What's On! Dudley

Ploughing on with O'Casey's play

THE Old Rep in Birmingham is to stage Sean O'Casey's The Plough and the Stars from October 9-13. Showtimes are at 2pm and 7.30pm. Tickets are £28, with concessions at £10. Book on 0121 245 4455 or via ticketservices@birmingham-box.co.uk

From October 25-27 at the Station Street venue, children take the lead role in the MCS Repertory Company production of Rumpelstiltskin. It is the group's annual pantomime and youngsters will perform two shows each as the title character. Thursday, Friday and Saturday evening shows are at 7.30 with a Saturday matinee at 2.30. Call 0121 743 4512.

Aled joins in with gentlemen singers

SONGS of Praise presenter Aled Jones will join up with the Gentlemen Songsters Male Voice Choir.

The singer, who performed the theme to The Snowman when he was 12, has gone on to present Songs of Praise and a BBC Radio Two show. He takes to the stage at Dudley Town Hall with the choir on September 22. Tickets are available on 01384 838863.

Killer tribute act

A QUEEN tribute band will take to the stage in Coseley next month. We Will Rock You will be at Coseley WM Club in Ivyhouse Lane on September 27.

Top acts at V make sure the sun never sets on festival fun

AROUND 90,000 revellers descended on a sun-kissed Weston Park for a V Festival to remember. A host of top acts including The Stone Roses, The Killers, Tinie Tempah, Noel Gallagher's High Flying Birds, Snow Patrol and Ed Sheeran wowed jubilant crowds over the two-day event.

Comedians get crowds rocking with laughter

IT WAS not all about the music at V Festival – a fourth stage provided welcome relief for the eardrums as some of the UK's top comedians had people laughing in the aisles.

Sean Lock and Milton Jones were among those to perform as fans lapped up the classic varied assortment of acts found at V every year.

And Tim Minchin's unique brand of musical comedy proved particularly popular.

After bounding on stage like a rock star, piano player Minchin, who was born in England and raised in Australia, launched into an entirely musical set.

An adoring crowd either hung on his every word or sang along in unison as Minchin tackled issues such as religion or prejudice, all approached with his trademark cheeky grin.

Despite a mixed forecast there was glorious sunshine on both days, although wellies were still part of the V uniform as areas of the campsite and music arena turned into mud baths thanks to overnight rain.

But a bit of mud could not dampen the spirits of the huge crowds who enjoyed V's usual eclectic mix of acts.

Saturday's headliners, and long-time V favourites, The Killers produced an exhilarating set, drawing songs from their three top 10 albums and previewing new material from the as-yet unreleased Battle Born.

Old favourites Madness and Tom Jones and hot new things Emeli Sande and Frank Turner attracted huge crowds.

There was a Britpop flavour to the 4Music stage thanks to Dodgy, Shed Seven and The Charlatans, while Noel Gallagher's Oasis-heavy set was the perfect excuse for an evening singsong.

Other big hits over the weekend were Example, David Guetta, Olly Murs, Rizzle Kicks, Keane and Wolverhampton songstress Beverley Knight.

But fans of Nicki Minaj were left disappointed when she cancelled her appearance at the last minute citing strained vocal chords, with LMFAO filling in her headline slot.

Tickets for next year's V Festival were due to go on sale from 9am on Wednesday, at 2012 prices.

Stone Roses Ian Brown during their storming set

Oh, yes, they are adored!

Stone Roses

THEY were making their V Festival debut shortly after reforming following a 15-year hiatus. But Manchester indie rockers The Stone Roses – arguably the biggest draw of the weekend – seemed right at home on the V stage as they delivered a storming set.

In front of a jubilant crowd the Roses rattled off hit after hit in a performance lasting 90 minutes.

Front man Ian Brown welcomed the crowd by saying "Yeah? We're The Stone Roses" before launching into seminal Madchester song I Wanna Be Adored.

After such a big build-up to what could be their final festival appearance in the UK, the first half of the show seemed a little low key, but the quartet moved through the gears in the second half with a string of anthems.

Fools' Gold and Love Spreads earned wild appreciation from the crowd before The Is The One and She Bangs The Drums preceded hallmark set-closer I Am The Resurrection.

There were hugs all round from the grinning band – whose relations became severely strained after their split in 1996 – when they took unrestrained acclaim as a spectacular fireworks display polished things off perfectly for the weekend.

Tim Spiers

Concert is primer for band's album

AN UP-AND-COMING rock band who are about to record their first album are to play at a Dudley pub.

Primer will play a charity gig at the Lamp Tavern, High Street.

The Dudley group has spent the past year touring the country and recently played at The Slade Rooms in Wolverhampton.

They will perform at the Rock for Sophie event at the tavern, over this weekend of August 24- 26.

In September they will head to The Basement Studio, Turner Street, Dudley to record their album.

Classic Holmes mystery drama

DUDLEY Little Theatre will bring their production of the crime classic The Hound of the Baskervilles to Netherton Arts Centre from September 5 to 8.

The mysterious death of a prominent local citizen brings Sherlock Holmes and Dr Watson to the English countryside, where many believe a mysterious hound is fulfilling an ancient family curse.

Tickets for the show, which starts at 7.30pm, are £7 and £6 for concessions.

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Secrets at canal

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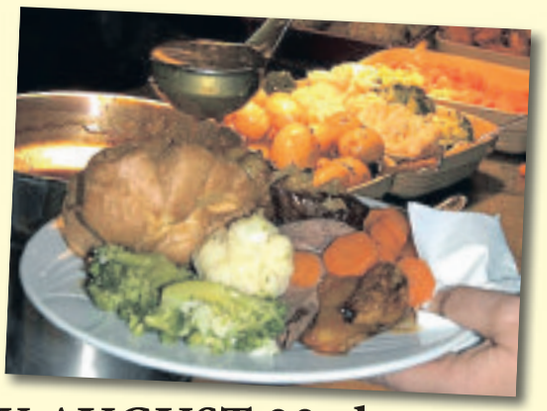

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What's On!

SATURDAY'S TV 25.08.12

CHOICE

Katie Derham

BBC Proms 2012
BBC2, 8pm
It's easy to classify 19th-century theatrical duo Gilbert and Sullivan's works as comedies. However that viewpoint fails to take into account the fabulously dark operetta The Yeomen of the Guard, which is performed here in a partial staging from the Royal Albert Hall in London. Jane Glover conducts the BBC Concert Orchestra and BBC Singers through the piece, which features baritone Leigh Melrose as Lt Sir Richard Cholmondeley, alongside tenor Andrew Kennedy, soprano Lisa Milne and mezzos Victoria Simmonds and Felicity Palmer. Katie Derham presents.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.30** Lorraine's Fast, Fresh and Easy Food. (R) **12.00** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **12.15** Football Focus. **1.00** Jessica Ennis: Golden Girl. **1.30** British Olympic Dreams. **2.00** Live Challenge Cup Rugby League Final. Leeds Rhinos v Warrington Wolves (Kick-off 2.30pm). With commentary by Dave Woods and Jonathan Davies, and analysis by Brian Noble and Ian Millward. **5.00** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **5.20** All New Total Wipeout.

6.20 Film: Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl. (2003) A rogue captain and a blacksmith set sail to rescue a governor's daughter from feared supernatural pirates. Swashbuckling fantasy adventure, starring Johnny Depp and Orlando Bloom.

8.30 The National Lottery: Secret Fortune. High-tension quiz show presented by Nick Knowles in which contestants have the opportunity to win £100,000.

9.20 Casualty. A baby's condition suddenly deteriorates and it is left to Tom to revive her. Tamzin and Jeff attend to a lap dancer who has collapsed, and Sam attempts to unravel a mystery.

10.10 BBC News; Weather.

10.30 Match of the Day. Gary Lineker presents highlights of today's Premier League clashes, including Chelsea v Newcastle United at Stamford Bridge and Manchester United v Fulham at Old Trafford; National Lottery Update.

12.00 The Football League Show. **1.15** Weatherview. **1.20** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **12.00 Film:** Homeward Bound II: Lost in San Francisco. (1996) **1.25 Film:** Gymnast. (2011) Documentary following gymnasts training for the 2008 Olympics. **2.55 Film:** Tara Road. (2005) Drama, starring Andie MacDowell and Olivia Williams. **4.30** Final Score. **5.15** Coast. (R) **5.45** The Hairy Bikers' Food Tour of Britain. (R)

6.30 Flog It! James Lewis and David Fletcher view items at the Palace Theatre in Kilmarnock, East Ayrshire, while Paul Martin visits the only factory in the world still making Nottingham lace. (R)

7.30 Dad's Army. The ARP wardens' HQ is bombed, forcing them to rub shoulders with the Home Guard in the church hall. Comedy, starring Arthur Lowe, Bill Pertwee and John Le Mesurier. (R)

8.00 BBC Proms 2012. From the Royal Albert Hall, Jane Glover conducts the BBC Concert Orchestra and BBC Singers in a production of Gilbert and Sullivan's operetta The Yeomen of the Guard.

10.30 TOTP2. Mark Radcliffe introduces archive performances by Fine Young Cannibals, Badfinger, Kriss Kross, Elvis Costello, Luisa Sobral and Cyndi Lauper. Last in the series. (R)

11.30 Film: Before Sunrise. (1995) An American and a Frenchwoman meet by chance on a train and form a close bond during a day in Vienna. Richard Linklater's romantic drama, starring Ethan Hawke and Julie Delpy.

1.10 Film: Once. (2006) **2.30** Close.

ITV1

6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. **7.20** CITV. **8.25** Saturday Cookbook. **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. **10.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. **11.20** The Real Housewives of New York City. **12.20** The Real Housewives of New York City. **1.20** ITV News; Weather. **1.25** The Hit Factory: The Stock Aitken & Waterman Story. (R) **2.25** Countrywise. (R) **3.00 Film:** A View to a Kill. (1985) **5.30** Regional Programme ; Weather.**5.45** ITV News; Weather.

6.00 You've Been Framed Extreme! Harry Hill narrates a selection of some of the most extreme clips filmed by viewers, featuring various trampoline tumbles and a bike rider enduring an uncomfortable landing. (R)

7.00 Red or Black? Including target practice with footballers Darren Bent and Bobby Zamora.

7.45 The X Factor. Spice Girl Mel B joins Gary Barlow, Tulisa and Louis Walsh at the Manchester auditions, where more aspiring pop stars take to the stage. Dermot O'Leary hosts.

9.00 Red or Black?

9.45 The Jonathan Ross Show. Suranne Jones talks about her comedy A Touch of Cloth, Ray Winstone discusses his new film The Sweeney and Formula One ace Jenson Button also drops in.

10.45 ITV News; Weather.

11.00 Film: Duplicity. (2009) Thriller, starring Julia Roberts and Clive Owen.

1.15 The Store; ITV News Headlines. **3.05** In Plain Sight. (R) **3.50** ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

CHANNEL 4

6.00 The Hoobs. (R) **6.25** British Formula Ford Championship. **6.55** BG Energy Challenge. **7.25** The Grid. **7.55** The Morning Line. **8.55** T4: V Festival 2012: The Best Bits. (R) **9.25** T4: iTunes Festival 2012: Preview. **9.45** T4: New Girl. **10.15** T4: Revenge. **11.15** T4: Suburgatory. **11.50** T4: Summer Daze. **12.25** T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.20** T4: The Simpsons. (R) **1.55** Channel 4 Racing. **3.55** The Simpsons. (R) **4.25** Come Dine with Me. (R) **4.55** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.25** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.55** Come Dine with Me. (R)

6.25 Come Dine with Me. Denis Verrier hosts the final dinner party in Bath. (R)

6.55 Channel 4 News.

7.25 4thought.tv. A Muslim artist shares her thoughts about the female body.

7.30 Whatever Happened to Harry Hill? The comedian looks back at his Channel 4 sketch show. (R)

8.30 Harry Hill. (R)

9.00 C4's 30 Greatest Comedy Shows. Celebrating some of the station's most memorable comedy series, exploring the impact shows including Father Ted, Spaced and The Inbetweeners have had on British TV.

11.05 C4's Greatest Comedy: The Winner Is. Two documentaries about the show that won the viewers' poll.

1.10 Vintage Comic Strip: Bad News Tour. (R) **1.45** Comedy Lab: Anna & Katy. (R) **2.10** Happy Endings. **2.35 Film:** Alamar. (2009) **3.55** St Elsewhere. (R) **4.40** Deal or No Deal. (R) **5.35** Baking Mad with Eric Lanlard. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! **10.00** Power Rangers Samurai. **10.35** Batman: The Brave and the Bold. **11.10** Looney Tunes. (R) **11.15** Looney Tunes. (R) **11.25** Celebrity Big Brother: The Eviction. (R) **12.55** Monkey Life. (R) **1.30 Film:** Blue Thunder. (1983) **3.30 Film:** We'll Meet Again. (2002) **5.20 Film:** Jesse Stone: No Remorse. (2010) Premiere. Detective thriller, starring Tom Selleck.

7.05 5 News Weekend.

7.10 NCIS. (R)

8.00 NCIS. Nikki Jardine volunteers to help Tony investigate the murder of a marine in Baghdad – but her behaviour makes him suspect she had an ulterior motive in requesting the assignment. (R)

9.00 Celebrity Big Brother. Highlights of the famous housemates' past 24 hours under the all-seeing eye of Big Brother, as they try to get used to living alongside one another.

10.10 CSI: Miami. The team travels to the remote island mansion of horror writer Marilyn Milner, whose housekeeper has been found dead with a suspicious bite mark on her neck.

11.10 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. A criminal fleeing the city after committing a murder is involved in a car crash and strangles the other driver to prevent her identifying him. (R)

12.05 SuperCasino. **4.00** HouseBusters. (R) **4.25** Divine Designs. (R) **4.50** Rough Guide to Journeys. (R) **5.00** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.10** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **5.35** Thomas & Friends. (R) **5.45** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Three
7.00 Fearne and Greg @ Reading **8.00** The Vaccines and Florence and the Machine @ Reading **10.00** Kasabian Live @ Reading

BBC Four
7.00 Africa's Magnificent Beasts **8.00** She-Wolves: England's Early Queens **9.00** Inspector Montalbano **10.40** The Eiger: Fatal Attraction **11.40** Doctors in the Death Zone

ITV2
2.40 America's Got Talent **4.30** America's Got Talent: Results **5.25 Film:** Garfield: A Tale of Two Kitties (2006) **7.00 Film:** About a Boy (2002) **9.00** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **9.15** The Xtra Factor **10.15 Film:** Mamma Mia! (2008)

ITV3
4.50 Agatha Christie's Poirot **7.00** Agatha Christie's Marple **9.00** Agatha Christie's Poirot **11.00** A Touch of Frost

ITV4
2.05 Film: MacArthur (1977) **4.45 Film:** Shalako (1968) **7.00** Cycling **8.00** Minder **9.00 Film:** Rocky IV (1985) **10.55 Film:** The Big Lebowski (1998)

E4
3.15 Film: Alvin and the Chipmunks (2007) **5.00** How I Met Your Mother **6.00** The Big Bang Theory **7.30** Rules of Engagement **8.30** Suburgatory **9.00 Film:** My Stepmother Is an Alien (1988) **11.10** The Big Bang Theory

Film4
3.05 The Ladykillers (1955) **4.55** Addams Family Values (1993) **6.45** Runaway Bride (1999) Romantic comedy, with Julia Roberts and Richard Gere, with Joan Cusack, Hector Elizondo and Rita Wilson. **9.00** Die Hard 4.0 (2007) Action thriller sequel, starring Bruce Willis. **11.30** Jennifer's Body (2009)

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SUNDAY'S TV 26.08.12

CHOICE

Martin Shaw

Inspector George Gently
BBC1, 8.30pm

There's nothing like a good, old-fashioned crime drama to entertain us on a Sunday evening, and they don't come much better than Inspector George Gently. When we catch up with Gently and Bacchus, the year is 1968 and as racial unrest sweeps the US, the National Front is wreaking havoc in Britain. But in Newcastle, racial harmony can be found in dance parties known as "all-nighters". Sadly, the peace and friendship of these events is shattered when a young black girl, Dolores Kenny, is found dead at one of them.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **7.30** Match of the Day. (R) **9.00** BBC News. **10.00** Sunday Morning Live. **11.00** Country Tracks: (R) Weather for the Week Ahead. **12.00** BBC News. **12.05** Homes Under the Hammer. (R) **1.05** Bargain Hunt. (R) **2.05** Cash in the Attic. (R) **2.45** Escape to the Country. (R) **3.45** Ocean Giants. (R) **4.45** Songs of Praise. **5.20** The Indian Doctor. (R)

6.05 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

6.30 Britain's Hidden Heritage. Paul Martin travels to Co Down to visit Mount Stewart country house and Clare Balding heads to Staffordshire to learn about Lichfield Cathedral's stained glass.

7.30 Countryfile. Adam Henson recalls some of the team's favourite editions featuring livestock. Matt Baker seeks help from his family at lambing time in County Durham, and goats visit the dentist.

8.30 Inspector George Gently. New series. The detective investigates the murder of young black woman Dolores Kenny, a regular at a local club's northern soul all-nighters.

10.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

10.25 Match of the Day 2. Including highlights of Liverpool v Manchester City.

11.25 In with the Flynns. (R)

11.55 Film: Flashbacks of a Fool. (2008) Drama, starring Daniel Craig.

1.40 Weatherview. **1.45** Sign Zone: The Dark: Nature's Nighttime World. (R) **2.45** Holby City. (R) **3.45** Amish: A Secret Life. (R) **4.45** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.30** The Great British Bake Off. (R) **12.30** MotoGP. **2.00** Live Athletics. **5.00** Oceans. (R)

6.00 TOTP2: Summertime Special. Archive summer sounds, featuring songs by the Undertones, Bananarama, Bay City Rollers, Fun Boy Three, the Style Council, Martha and the Muffins, Bryan Adams, Girls Aloud and ELO. (R)

7.00 Top Gear. Jeremy Clarkson, Richard Hammond and James May put three supercars through their paces in Italy and look forward to some of 2012's most exciting cars. With guest Will.i.am. (R)

8.00 Exploring China: A Culinary Adventure. Ching-He Huang and Ken Hom embark on the final leg of their journey by exploring Cantonese cuisine in Guangzhou, before visiting their ancestral homes. Last in the series.

9.00 Toughest Place to Be a Ferryman. Colin Window, a bridge officer on east London's Woolwich ferry, travels to Bangladesh's capital Dhaka to work on the Buriganga river – one of the world's busiest waterways.

10.00 Murder. Drama, starring Karla Crome and Joe Dempsie.

11.00 Film: A Guide to Recognising Your Saints. (2006) Dito Montiel's autobiographical drama about his struggle to escape his roots in the crime-ridden New York of the 1980s. Starring Robert Downey Jr.

12.35 Film: Adam & Paul. (2004) **2.00** BBC News. **4.25** Close.

ITV1

6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. **7.20** CITV. **8.25** Dinner Date. **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** House Gift. (R) **10.25** There's No Taste Like Home. (R) **11.25** The Hungry Sailors. (R) **12.30** ITV News: Weather. **12.40** The X Factor. (R) **1.55** The Unforgettable Pat Phoenix. (R) **2.25 Film:** Columbo: Uneasy Lies the Crown. (1990) **4.25** Doc Martin. (R) **5.25** The Talent Show Story. (R)

6.30 Regional Programme; Weather.

6.45 ITV News; Weather.

7.00 The Chase: Celebrity Special. Bradley Walsh invites comedian Jimmy Carr, Coronation Street's Jack P Shepherd, retired rugby union player Matt Dawson and Commons Speaker's wife Sally Bercow to play the quiz.

8.00 Celebrity Who Wants to Be a Millionaire? School's Out. Three famous faces are joined by their teenage children for a one-off edition of the big-money quiz, aiming to raise as much cash as possible for charity and one lucky viewer.

9.00 The Last Weekend. The rivalry between Ian and Ollie steps up a gear and the tension is further heightened by the arrival of Daisy's colleague Milo.

10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather.

10.15 Film: Tomorrow Never Dies. (1997) James Bond battles to stop a media mogul's plan to start a war between Britain and China. Spy adventure, starring Pierce Brosnan.

12.25 The Store; ITV News Headlines. **2.30** Golden Balls. (R) **3.20** Motorsport UK. **4.10** ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

CHANNEL 4

6.00 The Treacle People. (R) **6.10** The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** Ironman 2012. **7.00** Channel 4 Presents – Lee Pearson "Lone Rider". (R) **7.05** Road to London 2012: Paralympics Extra. Profiles of four athletes likely to dominate their events. Last in the series. **7.35** Surfing Special: The Endless Winter. **8.00** Will & Grace. (R) **8.30** Will & Grace. (R) **8.55** Frasier. (R) **9.25** Frasier. (R) **10.00** Sunday Brunch. **12.25** Jamie Does Andalucia. (R) **1.25** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.55** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **2.20** The Simpsons. (R) **2.50** The Simpsons. (R) **3.20** Three in a Bed. (R) **4.20** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.25** Deal or No Deal.

6.20 Channel 4 News.

6.50 4thought.tv. A transsexual comedian reveals how she feels about her body.

6.55 Film: X-Men Origins: Wolverine. (2009) The mutant hero returns to his military unit seeking revenge as he is drawn into a battle with his psychotic brother. Superhero prequel, starring Hugh Jackman.

9.00 Peter Kay Live at the Manchester Arena. A performance recorded in 2003. (R)

10.00 Bad Sugar. Spoof melodrama, starring Sharon Horgan, Olivia Colman and Julia Davis.

10.50 Black Books. (R)

11.20 Dylan Moran Live: Yeah, Yeah.

12.25 Comedy Lab: Dynamo's Estate of Mind. (R) **12.55** Da Ali G Show. (R) **1.30** Comedy Lab: Ricky Gervais – Golden Years. (R) **1.55** The Mark Thomas Comedy Product. (R) **2.25** Happy Endings. **2.50** Hollyoaks. (R) **4.50** Deal or No Deal. (R) **5.45** Baking Mad with Eric Lanlard. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **6.15** Fifi and the Flowertots. (R) **6.25** City of Friends. (R) **6.40** Harry and His Bucket Full of Dinosaurs. (R) **6.50** Castle Farm. (R) **6.55** Abby's Flying Fairy School. (R) **7.05** Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) **7.15** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **7.25** Play! (R) **7.35** Noddy in Toyland. (R) **7.45** Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) **7.55** Milkshake! Monkey. (R) **8.00** Little Princess. (R) **8.15** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **8.30** Angelina Ballerina. (R) **8.45** Rupert Bear. (R) **8.55** Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) **9.15** The Mr Men Show. (R) **9.30** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **9.45** Jelly Jamm. (R) **10.00** Power Rangers Samurai. **10.35** Batman: The Brave and the Bold. **11.10** Looney Tunes. (R) **11.20** Celebrity Big Brother. (R) **12.30** World's Scariest Near Misses. (R) **1.20 Film:** What About Bob? (1991) **3.10 Film:** The Kid. (2000) **5.20** Mutt Ugly: World's Ugliest Dog. (R)

6.20 Film: Beauty and the Beast. (1991) Premiere. Disney animated fantasy, with the voice of Paige O'Hara.

8.00 Once Upon a Time. Emma and Regina are forced to work together to help Henry. Last in the series.

8.55 5 News Weekend.

9.00 Celebrity Big Brother. The ups and downs of BB life.

10.00 Film: Two Weeks Notice. Romantic comedy, starring Sandra Bullock. (2002)

11.55 Frontline Police. (R)

12.55 SuperCasino. **4.00** Sons of Anarchy. **4.50** Rough Guide to Bang for Your Buck. (R) **5.00** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.10** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **5.35** Thomas & Friends. (R) **5.45** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Three
7.00 Kaiser Chiefs and Django Django @ Reading **8.00** The Black Keys and Two Door Cinema Club @ Reading **9.00** Foo Fighters Live @ Reading **10.00** Family Guy **10.45** Bad Education **11.15** Foo Fighters @ Reading

BBC Four
7.00 Himalaya with Michael Palin **8.00** The Thirties in Colour **9.00 Film:** Brideshead Revisited (2008) **11.05** Wilderness Explored

ITV2
3.10 Film: Free Willy 3: The Rescue (1997) **5.00 Film:** Beethoven (1991) **6.45** The X Factor **8.00** The Xtra Factor **9.00** Benidorm **10.00** Lemon La Vida Loca **10.45 Film:** The Fugitive (1993)

ITV3
3.55 Film: Carry On Cowboy (1966) **5.45** Agatha Christie's Poirot **8.00** The Story of the Costume Drama **9.00 Film:** Atonement (2007) **11.25** Cracker

ITV4
11.00 British Touring Car Championship. Live coverage of the seventh round of the season from Knockhill. **6.00** The Sweeney **7.00** Cycling. The ninth stage of the Vuelta a Espana. **8.00 Film:** The Alamo (1960) **11.00 Film:** Resident Evil (2002) Sci-fi action horror, starring Milla Jovovich.

E4
3.10 Charlie's Angels **4.05** New Girl **4.35** Suburgatory **5.05** Revenge **6.00** The Big Bang Theory **8.00 Film:** Volcano (1997) **10.05** Rude Tube: Extreme Rides **11.05** 2 Broke Girls **11.35** New Girl

Film4
2.45 The Parent Trap (1998) **5.15** Black Knight (2001) **7.05** Angus, Thongs and Perfect Snogging (2008) **9.00** Rush Hour 3 (2007) **10.45** The Final Destination (2009)

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What's On!

Film Choices

MONDAY
Eagle Eye, BBC1, 11.20pm
Two strangers find themselves on the run from the authorities when they receive mysterious phone calls informing them their lives are in danger. They are forced to follow the instructions of a woman who is tracking their every move, while at the same time trying to discover who is behind the conspiracy. Thriller, starring Shia LaBeouf, Michelle Monaghan, Rosario Dawson and Michael Chiklis. (2008)

TUESDAY
Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid, Channel 4, 1.50pm
Two notorious outlaws' routine of bank and train robberies is cut short when a seemingly unstoppable posse is formed to catch them. The pair plan to flee America and start a new life in Bolivia, with the Sundance Kid's schoolmistress lover in tow – but staying ahead of the law is not so easy. Western, starring Paul Newman, Robert Redford and Katharine Ross. (1969)

Eagle Eye, Monday, BBC1, 11.20pm

WEDNESDAY
The Jacket, ITV1, 10.35pm
A marine discharged from service for injury-related amnesia finds himself accused of murder and declared insane. Sent to an asylum, he is subjected to increasingly brutal treatment – but the so-called therapy has an unexpected effect on his mental state. Psychological thriller, starring Adrien Brody, Keira Knightley, Kris Kristofferson, Jennifer Jason Leigh and Kelly Lynch. (2005)

THURSDAY
A Running Jump, Channel 4, 11.50pm
A man's attempt to buy a second-hand car in London's East End becomes surprisingly complicated when he crosses paths with a selection of colourful characters, including a rogue trader and his unusual family. Mike Leigh's short comedy, commissioned for the London 2012 festival, starring Lee Ingleby, Eddie Marsan, Samantha Spiro, Robert Putt, Danielle Bird, Nichole Bird and Sam Kelly. (2012)

FRIDAY
Stay Alive, ITV1, 10.45pm
Youngsters get their hands on a mysterious and grisly video game and immediately start to play. But while battling for the highest score, they begin to realise that the deadly virtual events are becoming a reality – and race against time to pull the plug on the real-life killings. Horror, starring Jon Foster, Samaire Armstrong, Frankie Muniz, Jimmi Simpson, Wendell Pierce, Sophia Bush, Adam Goldberg and Milo Ventimiglia. (2006)

Pick of the Week

Hoping to keep the feel good factor going

We're a sturdy old nation if nothing else. For those of us who sat through the nail-biting Olympic Games – from the opening ceremony through the emotional wins and near-wins of Team GB, to that surprise-laden closing ceremony, we have certainly done ourselves proud.

The eyes of the world have been on us since we celebrated the Queen's Jubilee back in June, and we haven't once crumbled – but the pressure is far from off, as the next stint of the Games is officially declared open in London 2012 Paralympic Games Opening Ceremony.

Due to the success of the Olympics, ticket sales for the Paralympics have soared and, at the time of writing, the surge had meant it was on track be the first to sell out in the event's 52-year history. London 2012-fever is as rife as ever, something that former Paralympic swimmer Rachael Latham is intensely proud of. She said: "When we won the bid, and everybody was saying how the Paralympics will be so much bigger, I always wondered how they were going to make sure it was on par with the Olympics. And the best thing is that I don't think they've needed to do that much [to promote it] – people simply want it to be [a big hit]. Everyone is excited for the Paralympics, which I don't think we've ever had before. It definitely wasn't like that when I was racing in Beijing. I think it's going to be a new era for the Paralympics."

Rachael is the current European record holder for 200m butterfly, world record holder for 50m butterfly and 200m backstroke British record holder. She took part in two finals in the Beijing Paralympics, but an injury meant she had to retire from competitive swimming in 2009, and couldn't be involved in London 2012 – at least not in the way she had previously known. However, she is on presenting duties and will be covering all the action down on the front line for Channel 4 – and that's the next best thing, according to Rachael.

She explains: "There was no way I wasn't going to get involved in London 2012. When I couldn't go with swimming, I just had to find a new way to be able to get there.

"Obviously I'm an athlete at heart and I always will be but I couldn't have asked for anything more than to be part of the media. Channel 4 is going to do a great job and I'm so excited."

But let's not get ahead of ourselves - as the opening ceremony gets underway, Channel 4 stalwarts Jon Snow and Krishnan Guru-Murthy present from what promises to be a phenomenal start to the occasion; especially given that the Paralympics originated in the UK in 1948.

We can expect a spectacle that challenges perceptions of human possibility, including a fly past by Aerobility, a British charity that trains disabled people to become pilots, a parade of all the competing nations, and, of course, the official entrance of the Paralympic Flame.

Jon Snow presents the ceremony from the Olympic Stadium, London 2012 Paralympic Games Opening Ceremony, Wednesday, Channel 4, 8pm

Best of the Rest

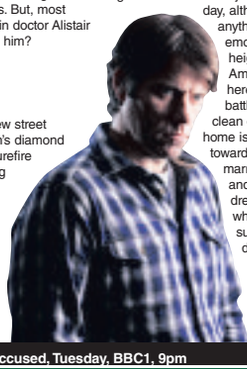
MONDAY
Harry's Mountain Heroes
ITV1, 9pm
This inspiring one-off documentary follows five soldiers who were wounded on the battlefields of Iraq and Afghanistan, but who are now preparing to take on one of the biggest challenges on Earth – scaling Mount Everest. Although Prince Harry (or as the Olympic announcers call him, Prince Henry) was unable to take part in the climb because of other commitments, he has been there to support captains Martin Hewitt and David Wiseman, privates Jaco van Gass and Karl Hinett, and doctor Francis Atkinson in his role as both a patron and a friend. He even turns up to see them off at Heathrow as they prepare to fly to Nepal. But even with a royal to inspire them, the challenge of trying to reach the top is fraught with danger.

New Tricks
BBC1, 9pm
When Jack Halford (James Bolam) ended the last series of the detective drama by telling his boss Sandra (Amanda Redman) that he didn't really care whether he lived or died, most viewers didn't give it that much thought. After all, it wouldn't be the first time a run had ended with the threat that an old dog was going to give up on New Tricks. However, this time around it seems Jack actually meant it, as he shocks Sandra, Brian (Alun Armstrong) and Gerry (Dennis Waterman) by announcing his resignation. The team are keen to find out why, but shadowy Whitehall official Stephen Fisher (Tim McInnerny) wants them to put their skills to a very different use.

TUESDAY
ACCUSED
BBC1, 9pm
Liverpudlian comedian John Bishop has done the odd acting role in the past, but this week's drama really gives him something to get his teeth into. He plays Peter, a father of two whose wife is dying. Peter tries to ease the pain his teenage sons Stephen and Dom will feel, and is pleased to have the help and support of palliative care nurse Charlotte. But eventually, after his mum's death, Stephen suspects that Charlotte may not be the saintly figure his dad thinks she is, and begins to be plagued by doubts and anxieties. But, most puzzling of all, why does former spin doctor Alistair Campbell keep appearing to talk to him?

WEDNESDAY
BRITAIN THEN AND NOW
ITV1, 9pm
In June this year, many people threw street parties to help celebrate the Queen's diamond jubilee – and that proved to be a surefire way of getting to know the folk living around them. One such bunch of residents from east London were tasked with recreating the same style of bash that would have gone on in 1953, when the Coronation took place. All they had to go on to help them were a handful of photographs of the event that happened on their road all those years ago – until they managed to track down some of the original partygoers. The research and organisation revealed some fascinating social changes that have happened in the decades since, as this documentary reveals.

THURSDAY
BRITAIN BY NIGHT
ITV1, 9pm
If we're to believe news reports and certain sections of the media, Britain is a dangerous place at night. But it's actually a minority of folk who suffer during the wee small hours; the rest of us get on with our lives just as we would during the day, although if this documentary is anything to go by, thoughts and emotions can be more heightened once darkness falls. Among the people featured here is Tony, whose constant battle to keep London's streets clean once the crowds have gone home is tempered by his feelings toward the break-up of his marriage. But it's not all doom and gloom; Indian bride Nisha's dream is about to come true, while midwife Natalie supervises an emotional delivery.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FRIDAY
UEFA SUPER CUP LIVE
ITV1, 7.30pm
The Stade Louis II stadium in Monaco plays host to the 36th staging of the Super Cup, as last season's Champions League winners Chelsea take on Europa League victors Atletico Madrid. Both sides have won this competition once in their history, with neither doing so as European champions. Chelsea's only success came when they beat Atletico's cross-city rivals Real on this ground in 1998 thanks to a solitary goal from Gustavo Poyet, while the Mattress Makers defeated Inter Milan 2-0 in 2010. Di Matteo and Simeone have turned round the fortunes of their clubs over a short period of time, bringing unexpected success at the highest level against the odds, and both men will be keen to win this piece of silverware to enhance their growing reputations.

In with the Flynns
BBC1, 9pm
They may be as predictable as night following day, but the traditional British sitcom will be a staple of small-screen entertainment long after we're all pushing up the daisies. For newcomers, this one stars Will Mellor and Niky Wardley as a couple raising three children, while having to deal with an irresponsible brother and a grumpy dad. This week, Liam attempts to earn some extra cash by giving personal training lessons. However, the plan backfires when Julie, his first client, wants more from him than just training. Meanwhile, Kevin is heartbroken when he splits with Naimah. Will Mellor, Warren Clarke, Niky Wardley, Alex Carter, Daniel Rogers, Lorenzo Rodriguez and Nadine Mulkerrin star.

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

1 J	2 I	3 L	4 S	5 K	6 P	7 F	8 Y	9 Q	10 E	11 A	12 X	13 O
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Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

Cryptic Clues:

Across

1. Will it stop the bedclothes slipping off? (5-6)
9. Record used briefly in mathematics (3)
10. Continuous transmission through the ages (9)
11. From the alphabet he takes a letter (5)
13. In unusual speed the French slipped by (7)
14. Put in a grave position (6)
16. Lie about an attitude (6)
18. Quietly tell the story to the archbishop (7)
19. To exist with a clique surrounded by the enemy (5)
20. Descriptive of the man who has no craft? (9)
21. Was successful - at present making a come-back (3)
22. The ranks in America showing dignity (11)

Down

2. Embrace that is well-nigh tremendous (3)
3. Ten in revised rate - that's more than enough (5)
4. Degraded and vile in present-day setting (6)
5. The company in time makes money (7)
6. Nothing is given to organisations for spreading Christianity - they're not included (9)
7. Security devices used on many domestic lines (7-4)
8. Drive tenant mad! It's quite unintentional (11)
12. He certainly couldn't be called a middle-man! (9)
15. Build me a little home, the most humble (7)
17. Make some disclosure about some meat (6)
19. It's a container like in a container (5)
21. Used to be turned into a proverb (3)

Quick Clues:

Across

1. Done on purpose (11)
9. Fitting (3)
10. Instruction (9)
11. A sea-duck (5)
13. Warship (7)
14. Start (6)
16. Lose life (6)
18. Relate (7)
19. Adhesive substance (5)
20. Vigorous (9)
21. Enemy (3)
22. In any case (2,3,6)

Down

2. Entrap (3)
3. Senior (5)
4. Three times (6)
5. Shut out (7)
6. In the middle of a boat (9)
7. Seek advice (4,7)
8. Rebuked (11)
12. Cleansing agent (9)
15. Gospel (7)
17. Stinging plant (6)
19. Frill of lace (5)
21. Adjust (3)

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS:
CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Pupa; 3 Smacking; 9 Liaison; 10 Sepia; 11 Cloven-hoofed; 13 Estate; 15 Corset; 17 Brother-in-law; 20 Plato; 21 Shatter; 22 Sinister; 23 News. Down: 1 Policies; 2 Piano; 4 Months; 5 Cosmopolitan; 6 Impress; 7 Gear; 8 Ostentatious; 12 Stewards; 14 Terrain; 16 Lessee; 18 Lathe; 19 Upas. QUICK - Across: 1 Full; 3 Stocking; 9 Outwear; 10 Novel; 11 Discomfiture; 13 Impose; 15 Surest; 17 Disreputable; 20 Least; 21 Odorous; 22 Wheedles; 23 Shed. Down: 1 Floodlit; 2 Lotus; 4 Thrift; 5 Construction; 6 Inverse; 7 Gull; 8 Demonstrated; 12 Stressed; 14 Private; 16 Oppose; 18 Booth; 19 Blow.

Sudoku

Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

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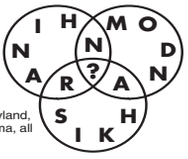
Circlegram

Replace the question mark with a letter so that the letters within each circle can be arranged to form words on a common theme. What are the three words, and the letter represented by the question mark?



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION: The letter represented by the question mark is L. Maryland, Illinois, Oklahoma, all US states.

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Being a fan of Indian Cuisine myself, I liked the look of the modern restaurant in Kingswinford on many car journeys throughout the area...

...The unmistakable smell of freshly cooked cuisine soon hits the nostrils - as does the soothing sounds of Bollywood hits to give the place some authenticity.

Verdict: An Indian supreme

Classics

Eagerly casting my eyes over the menu, I found a good selection of meals to suit all tastes and preferences.

All the classics - bhunas, kormas and spicy masalas are available from a menu that features more than 100 dishes. I decided to warm up for the main event with an onion bhaji, priced very reasonably at £2.20 for what turned out to be a good size starter.

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As restored by Elan Homes, The Briars

IT was a homecoming with a difference as the current Mayor of Kidderminster officially opened a locally listed building.

Built circa 1870, The Briars in Habberley Road has a long history and is thought to have once been home to the Mayor of Kidderminster.

It's now been given a new lease of life by Elan Homes and to celebrate the completion of the restoration project current Mayor Councillor John Aston was invited to cut the ribbon to officially open the building.

Marie Morris, sales director for Elan Homes in the north, explains: "The Briars had fallen into a state of disrepair when we purchased it in 2010 and we have spent months lovingly restoring it so that the beauty of this period property can be enjoyed for years to come. It's thought that the first resident was the well-known solicitor, magistrate and Mayor of Kidderminster William Boycot Jnr and with that in mind we felt it was fitting that the current incumbent Cllr Aston should perform the ribbon cutting ceremony."

Because of the property's architectural and historic significance the local authority has seen fit to include it in the local heritage list.

And thanks to Elan's skilled craftsman it's not only been preserved, but enhanced.

Cllr Aston said: "It was a privilege to open The Briars and I am delighted to see the building restored to its former glory by Elan Homes. It makes a delightful and impressive family home." A Masonic lodge which was a 1960s' extension to the rear of the original house has been demolished and the rest of the building stripped back to the original walls throughout.

"Visitors will be able to appreciate the grandeur of the property as they make their way up the sweeping gravel driveway which leads to the house and around to the detached double garage at the side," Marie adds.

"They'll see that from the outside it still has a very traditional look. Some of the windows have been retained and repaired but many were beyond repair and have been sympathetically replaced. The original roof has been retained, repaired and re-insulated. But while externally it looks very much as it did in its glory days, inside it's been given a makeover to meet the demands of modern day family living."

Versatile

The grand reception hallway emphasises the spacious nature of the home, which offers some 3,000 square feet of versatile accommodation including three reception rooms and a substantial kitchen, dining and family area at its very heart.

The kitchen features high quality Symphony units, granite work surfaces and integrated appliances including microwave, oven, dishwasher and fridge freezer.

The property boasts five bedrooms, two of which enjoy the benefit of en suites to complement the family bathroom.

The impressive property is now open for viewing Thursday to Monday from 10am to 5pm.

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- En-suite to master bedroom
- Garage with utility facilities
- Off road parking

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £159,950

LOWER GORNAL

WINSCARCROFT
- Modern style semi-detached
- Quiet cul-de-sac location
- Contemporary fitted kitchen
- Lounge and conservatory
- Three bedrooms, ensuite to master
- Garage
- Off road parking

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £159,950

COSELEY

BRIDGEWATER DRIVE
A modern three bed detached
- Convenient for Coseley train Station
- Lounge • Open plan dining room
- Contemporary kitchen
- Sun room
- Upvc double glazing
- Gas central heating
- Garage

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £157,750

HURST HILL, COSELEY

STRATHERN DRIVE
- A modern 3 storey town house
- Excellent size accommodation
- Utility room & guest cloakroom
- Luxury living room and dining kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Rear garden
- Garage and off road parking

£124,950

HURST HILL, COSELEY

CLIFTON STREET
- An impressive end terraced propertyenhanced throughout yet retaining some original features
- Spacious dining room with open fire
- Lounge with feature wood burner
- Breakfast kitchen
- Two double bedrooms
- Delightful rear garden
- Viewling highly recommended

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £119,950

LOWER GORNAL

STICKLEY LANE
- Beautifully presented two bed semi-
- Spacious lounge
- Open plan kitchen/dining room
- Utility room and guest wc
- Gas central heating
- Modern bathroom with corner bath
- Driveway parking, secluded rear garden
- IDEAL FIRST TIME PURCHASE

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £114,500

COSELEY

CENTRAL DRIVE
- A generous sized 3 bed traditional semi
- Conveniently located for major road and rail links
- Lounge and dining kitchen
- Upvc double glazed. • Gas central heating
- Modern fully tiled bathroom
- Good sized rear garden with outbuilding.
- Driveway parking for two cars.

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £113,950

GORNAL WOOD

BULL STREET
- A traditional three bed semi with lots of potential, in need of updating
- Two reception rooms
- Downstairs bathroom
- WC off main bedroom
- Gas central heating
- Double glazed windows
- Generous sized rear garden
- Driveway parking
- No Upward Chain

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £104,950

SEDGLEY

NORTH ONE MEWS
- Stylish penthouse apartment
- Amazing views over Penn Common
- Lounge and dining area
- Bedroom with fitted wardobes
- Upvc double glazing
- Gas central heating
- Allocated parking
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KIPLING AVENUE

•Three Bedroom Semi Detached Residence•Lounge•Fitted Dining Kitchen•Utility Room•Double Glazing Where Stated•Gas Central Heating System•Garage•No Chain

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DUDLEY WOOD

CRABOURNE ROAD

•A Much Improved Two Bedroom Extended Semi Detached •Two Reception Rooms •Extended Kitchen •Bathroom •Double Glazing Where Stated •Gas Central Heating System •Driveway •Low Maintenance Rear

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TIPTON

CREW DRIVE

•An End Townhouse Property•Three Bedrooms•Lounge•Dining Room•Fitted Kitchen•Ground Floor Cloakroom•Double Glazing Where Stated•Gas Central Heating System•Garage & Drive

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DUDLEY

ALTON GROVE

•A Much Improved Three Bedroom Semi Detached •Lounge Former Garage •Dining Room •Rear Lounge Overlooking Rear Garden •Fitted Kitchen •Double Glazing Where Stated •Gas Central Heating System •Block Paved Driveway

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NETHERTON

GOLDEN HILLOCK ROAD

•Semi Detached Residence•Three Bedrooms•Lounge•Kitchen•Ground Floor Utility & Cloakroom•Double Glazing Where Stated•Gas Central Heating System•Refitted Bathroom•Rear Garden & Driveway

£105,000 DUDLEY ✆ 01384 455000

DUDLEY WOOD

DALVINE ROAD

•A Much Improved Semi Detached Residence•Three Bedrooms•Lounge•Fitted Dining Kitchen•Refitted Bathroom•Double Glazing Where Stated•Gas Central Heating System•Landscaped Rear Garden•No Chain

£129,950 DUDLEY ✆ 01384 455000

NETHERTON

ASHFIELD CRESCENT

•An Extended Semi Detached Residence•Three Bedrooms•Open Plan Lounge Kitchen•Rear Vestibule Leading To Further Kitchen, Lounge & Ground Floor Shower Room•Double Glazing Where Stated•Rear Garden•Garage To Rear

£84,950 DUDLEY ✆ 01384 455000

TIVIDALE

LYE CROSS ROAD

•Semi Detached Residence•Three Bedrooms•Two Reception Rooms•Kitchen•Double Glazing Where Stated•Gas Central Heating System•Enclosed

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SEDGLEY

BATH STREET

•Three Bedroom Extended Link-Detached •Two Reception Rooms •Breakfast Kitchen •Bathroom •Gas Central Heating System •Double Glazing Where Stated •Utility Room •Car Port •Garage •Front and Rear Garden

£195,000 DUDLEY ✆ 01384 455000

NETHERTON

DARBY END ROAD

•Semi Detached Residence•Three Bedrooms•Lounge•Kitchen•Ground Floor Cloakroom•Conservatory•Double Glazing Where Stated•Gas Central Heating

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LOWER GORNAL

DEEPDALE LANE

•Four Bedroom Semi Detached•Two Reception Rooms•Basement Level Having Bathroom & Bedroom 4/Lounge•Extended Kitchen•Utility Room•Elevated Views To Rear•Gas Central Heating System•Double Glazing Where Stated•Driveway•No Chain

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TIPTON

FERNWOOD CROFT

•First Floor Maisonette•Two Bedrooms•Lounge•Kitchen•Double Glazing Where Stated•No Chain

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•Greatly Improved Semi Detached Property•Three Bedrooms•Lounge•Refitted Dining Kitchen•Ground Floor Bathroom•Cloakroom•Garden Having Decking & Lawn•Double Glazing Where Stated•Gas Central Heating System•Graveled Driveway

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GORGE ROAD

•Two Bedroom Semi Detached•Lounge•Fitted Dining Kitchen•Utility Room•Bathroom Upstairs•Gas Central Heating System•Double Glazing Where Stated•Enclosed Rear

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CLAUGHTON ROAD

•Four Bedroom Semi Detached•Two Reception Rooms•Bedroom Three Leads To Bedroom Four•Breakfast Room•Refitted Kitchen•Ground Floor Cloakroom•Conservatory•Garage To Rear

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TIVIDALE

NEW BIRMINGHAM ROAD

PUBLIC NOTICE - We are acting in the sale of the above property and have received an offer of £81,000 Any interested parties must submit any higher offers in writing to the selling agent before an exchange of contracts takes

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LOWER GORNAL, DUDLEY

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TIVIDALE

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First Floor Two Bedroom Maisonette in a Cul-de-Sac location. Close to the Tesco/Burnt Tree Island roundabout and the A4123 Birmingham New Road offering excellent access to Dudley, Wolverhampton and the motorway system. Having Lounge, Kitchen and Bathroom, with Double Glazing and Electric Storage Heating and Allocated Parking

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UPPER GORNAL

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•Three Bedroom Detached•Two Large Reception Rooms•Kitchen•Two Double Bedrooms One Having Fitted Wardrobes•Must Be Viewed

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DUDLEY

LAUREL ROAD

•Three Bedroom Semi Detached •Lounge •Kitchen Diner •Ground Floor Bathroom•First Floor Shower Room •Double Glazing •Gas Central Heating•Rear Garden

£525 DUDLEY ✆ 01384 455000

TIVIDALE

REGENT CLOSE

•A Ground Floor Maisonette•Two Bedrooms•Fitted Kitchen•Lounge•Rear Garden

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A GROUND source heat pump extracts warmth from the earth and uses it to heat your home's underfloor heating, radiators or warm-air heaters and hot water.

The (above-ground) pump is connected to a series of pipes (known as the ground loop) buried in the garden.

The loop is usually coiled or laid flat in trenches a couple of metres deep, but it can work vertically in a much deeper trench if you only have a small garden (you'll need one you can get a mechanical digger into and out of).

Bigger homes need longer loops because they extract more heat, but also, of course, take up more space.

The system works by pumping antifreeze and water through the underground pipes. The heat in the earth is absorbed by the fluid and then transferred to the pump's compressor, which heats it further so it can be used in your home.

The temperature of the earth around the pipes won't change drastically throughout the year, so the pump can be used in all seasons, although you may need a back-up heating system in winter.

If your home's heated by radiators, they won't get as hot as they would with a boiler, so you'll either need to have them on for longer or replace them with larger ones.

The ideal partner for a ground source heat pump is (wet) underfloor heating because both work at lower temperatures (warm-air heating is also compatible).

Coils of pipe are laid in trenches below the surface

Renovations

It's generally much easier and cheaper to install wet underfloor heating when you're doing major renovations or building a house, rather than fitting it retrospectively, and the same goes for a ground source heat pump.

The system will work most efficiently if the house is well insulated and airtight, which, again, is something that's easiest to achieve when you're starting from scratch.

While you may be able to cut your home's CO2 emissions by fitting a ground source heat pump, it will depend on the type of heating you're replacing.

The pump needs electricity to work (although it should use less than the heat it produces), so the most eco-friendly solution is to generate your own electricity with something like solar panels or a wind turbine.

However, these tend to cost thousands of pounds and so does a ground source heat pump - around £9,000 to £17,000, according to the Energy Saving Trust.

You'll recoup this money most quickly if you're replacing an electric or coal heating system, but if you have gas central heating, changing to a heat pump may not be a good idea. Once the Renewable Heat Incentive (see www.which.co.uk) starts (probably next year), it should be quicker to get your money back.

This Government scheme will pay homeowners who use renewable heat technologies, including ground source heat pumps.

Even though the scheme hasn't started yet, you may be able to get a Renewable Heat Premium Payment (see www.energysavingtrust.org.uk) to help with the cost of fitting a heat pump.

Before you start the process, ask your local council if permission is required for a ground source heat pump. And if your home's leasehold, check the lease because you may need the permission of the freeholder. It always pays to do your research, especially when there's a large investment at stake.

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Lot 15 29 St Columbas Road, Radford, Coventry ... Residential Vacant
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Lot 18 Ladywood Health Centre, 395 Ladywood Middleway Ladywood, Birmingham ... Commercial Vacant
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Lot 22 Apartment 2 Arlington House, 15 St Augustines Road Edgbaston, Birmingham ... Residential Vacant
Lot 23 Apartment 3 Arlington House, 15 St Augustines Road Edgbaston, Birmingham ... Residential Investment
Lot 24 Apartment 8 Arlington House, 15 St Augustines Road Edgbaston, Birmingham ... Residential Investment
Lot 25 Apartment 11 Arlington House, 15 St Augustines Road Edgbaston, Birmingham ... Residential Investment
Lot 26 91 Fraser Street, Bilston ... Residential Vacant
Lot 27 14 Churchill Road, Walton, Stone ... Residential Vacant
Lot 28 13 Birmingham New Road, Tipton ... Residential Vacant
Lot 29 3 Byron Street, West Bromwich ... Residential Vacant
Lot 30 138 Woodlands Park Road, Bournville, Birmingham ... Residential Vacant
Lot 30a 119 George Road, Erdington, Birmingham ... Residential Vacant
Lot 31 The Dun Cow, Pathlow, Stratford-upon-Avon ... SOLD PRIOR ... Commercial Vacant
Lot 32 Haywood House, 40 New Road, Stourbridge ... Commercial Investment
Lot 33 Systems House, 112a Alcester Road, Studley ... Commercial Vacant
Lot 34 West Brom Fish Bar, 198 High Street, West Bromwich ... Commercial Investment
Lot 35 1 Ploughmans Walk, Wolverhampton ... Residential Vacant
Lot 36 4 Park Avenue, Hockley, Birmingham ... Residential Vacant
Lot 37 41 Maxwell Road, All Saints, Wolverhampton ... Residential Vacant
Lot 38 Portobellow Health Centre, 33 Dilloways Lane Willenhall ... Commercial Investment
Lot 39 Former Lea Manor Hotel, Holyhead Road Albrighton, Wolverhampton ... Development/Redevelopment
Lot 40 728 Pershore Road, Bournbrook, Birmingham ... Residential Investment
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Lot 47 57 Atlantic Road, Great Barr, Birmingham ... Residential Vacant
Lot 48 105 Johnson Road, Erdington, Birmingham ... Residential Vacant
Lot 49 19 Holte Road, Aston, Birmingham ... Residential Investment
Lot 50 294 Newton Road, Great Barr, Birmingham ... NOT BEING OFFERED
Lot 51 741 Alum Rock Road, Alum Rock, Birmingham ... Residential Investment
Lot 52 743 Alum Rock Road, Alum Rock, Birmingham ... Residential Investment
Lot 53 76 Lichfield Road, Walsall ... Residential Vacant
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Lot 55 2048 Bristol Road South, Rubery, West Midlands ... Commercial Vacant
Lot 56 46 Wellington Road, Dudley ... Commercial Vacant
Lot 57 Flat 16 Moorland Court, Melville Road, Edgbaston Birmingham ... Residential Investment
Lot 58 156 Griffiths Drive, Wolverhampton ... Residential Vacant
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Lot 60 Vulcan Works, Hayes Lane, Stourbridge ... NOT BEING OFFERED
Lot 61 289a & 289b Walsall Road, West Bromwich ... Commercial Investment
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Lot 70 Station Master's Cottage, 24 Station Road, Hednesford ... Residential Investment
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Lot 78 7 Elmdon Road, Marston Green, Birmingham ... Residential Vacant
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Lot 83 21 Hall Court, Cheapside, Willenhall ... Residential Investment
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Lot 85 6 Tynings Lane, Aldridge ... Residential Vacant
Lot 86 8 New Street, Tipton ... Residential Vacant
Lot 87 13 Birch Coppice Gardens, Willenhall ... Residential Investment
Lot 88 28-30 Lower High Street, Wednesbury ... Commercial Investment
Lot 89 2 Severn Cottages, Quatford, Bridgnorth ... Residential Vacant
Lot 90 65 Mount Pleasant, Bilston ... Residential Investment
Lot 91 Ivy Cottage, 368 Cannock Road, Cannock ... Residential Vacant
Lot 92 1 The Fillybrooks, Stone ... Commercial Vacant
Lot 93 Strategic Land MID 1a, Rowley Regis ... Land
Lot 94 255 Wolverhampton Road, Walsall ... Residential Vacant
Lot 95 30 Russell Street, Dudley ... Residential Investment
Lot 96 Site Adj. 30 Russell Street, Dudley ... Land
Lot 97 7 Wattville Avenue, off Wattville Road, Handsworth Birmingham ... Residential Vacant
Lot 98 Flat 3 / Block 6 Meadow Close, Harborne, Birmingham ... Residential Vacant
Lot 99 117 Gillott Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham ... Residential Vacant
Lot 100 261-263 Slade Road, Erdington, Birmingham ... Commercial Investment
Lot 101 24 Shetland Walk, Smiths Wood ... Residential Investment
Lot 102 125 Victoria Road, Willenhall ... Residential Vacant
Lot 103 2 Waite Road, Willenhall ... Residential Vacant
Lot 104 Land 24c Portway Hill, Tividale ... Land
Lot 105 46 St Christophers Close, West Bromwich ... Residential Vacant
Lot 106 Joron House, 16 Griffin Street, Netherton, Dudley ... Residential Vacant
Lot 107 42 Davis Avenue, Tipton ... Residential Vacant
Lot 108 17 Patricia Avenue, Goldthorne Park, Wolverhampton ... Residential Vacant
Lot 109 101 Ivy House Road, Oldbury ... Residential Vacant
Lot 110 56 St Chads Road, Bilston ... Residential Vacant
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BROCKMOOR
ORCHARD STREET

This attractively presented, extended 2 Bedroomed Semi-Detached residence provides spacious gas centrally heated and Upvc double glazed accommodation pleasantly situated on a wider than average plot in this popular and convenient address. Briefly comprises:- Hall, Attractive Lounge, Separate Dining Room, Superb Refitted Kitchen extension, 2 Double Bedrooms, Fitted Bathroom with shower, Useful Loft, Large Side Garage, Pleasant Lawned Rear Garden and wider than average Driveway for 2/3 cars.

Offers around £102,500

MERRY HILL
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UNBELIEVABLE VALUE ! Providing cosmopolitian living adjacent to the Merry Hill Centre, this superb, Ground Floor former show apartment, provides spacious UPVC double glazed, centrally heated accomodation ideal for the modern professional and should be particularly pleasing to all age groups. Briefly comprises:- Video secure Entrance, Reception Hall, spacious Lounge with open plan fitted Kitchen with built in oven and hob, 2 good Bedrooms (Master with Shower En-suite) main Bathroom and SECURE PARKING in underground car park.

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BRIERLEY HILL
YORKE AVENUE

Pleasantly situated in this popular and convenient address, this well presented 3 Bedroomed Semi-Detached provides deceptively spacious gas centrally heated and Upvc (part) double glazed accommodation ideal for the first time buyer or young family and is available with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Briefly comprises:- Hall, Spacious Lounge, Kitchen, 3 Good Bedrooms, Fitted Bathroom with shower, Pleasant Lawned Rear Gardens with sunny aspect and Driveway to the front.

Offers around £94,950

BRIERLEY HILL
FISHER STREET

This superbly presented, stylishly appointed 3 Bedroomed Semi-Detached residence provides spacious gas centrally heated and part Upvc double glazed accommodation ideal for the discerning young family in this popular and very convenient cul-de-sac and must definitely be seen to be appreciated. Briefly comprises:- Hall, Spacious Lounge with Dining Area, Double Glazed Conservatory, Superbly Refitted Kitchen with built-in oven and hob, 3 Good Bedrooms, fitted Bathroom with shower attachment and Splendid good sized lawned Rear Gardens with pleasant outlook.

Offers around £92,950

BRIERLEY HILL
BELL STREET

This delightfully presented Modern 2 Bedroomed First Floor Flat provides spacious gas centrally heated and double glazed accomodation ideal for the discerning First Time Buyer, professional couple or Investor, and forms part of an attractive small custom built block very conveniently positioned for the Town Centre. Viewing highly recommended with Secure Entrance, Hall, spacious Lounge, refitted Kitchen with built-in oven and hob, 2 well proportioned Bedrooms, fitted Bathroom with shower, maintained communal grounds and residents only Car Parking. Quality furniture is available also to purchase.

Offers around £89,950

BRIERLEY HILL
VICTORIA STREET

Conveniently positioned in this popular and convenient address close to the Town Centre and Merry Hill, this 3 Bedroomed Intermediate Terrace provides spacious gas centrally heated (not tested) and double glazed accomodation which although requires updating and improvement offers excellent potential. Briefly comprises: Hall, Lounge, separate Dining Room, Kitchen with built-in oven and hob (not tested), Downstairs W.C., 3 Bedrooms, Bathroom and good sized rear Gardens.

Offers around £78,000

BRIERLEY HILL
PLANET ROAD

This delightfully presented, much improved Modern 2 Bedroomed First Floor Flat provides well planned gas centrally heated and mostly Upvc double glazed accommodation ideal for the discerning first time buyer and is pleasantly situated in this popular and very convenient address. Briefly comprises:- Hall and stairs to Central Landing, Spacious Lounge, Superb Refitted Kitchen, 2 Bedrooms, Fitted Bathroom and Shower, Parking areas close by and small Side Garden area. NO UPWARD CHAIN. IDEAL INVESTMENT

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£279,950

WORDSLEY

Ingatestone Drive

Exceptionally well placed within this delightful and much sought after cul-de-sac, just off Cot Lane, this DISTINCTIVE AND INCREDIBLY SPACIOUS, DORMER STYLE DETACHED FAMILY HOME offers BEAUTIFULLY APPOINTED and IMMACULATELY PRESENTED accommodation, including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising: Reception Hall, very spacious full width Lounge, separate Dining Room, attractively refitted Kitchen with appliances, THREE GOOD SIZED FIRST FLOOR BEDROOMS and refitted classic white Bathroom. With attractively maintained foregarden, LARGE BLOCK PAVED DRIVEWAY, CARPORT, GARAGE and BEAUTIFULLY LANDSCAPED REAR GARDEN which enjoys an OPEN REAR ASPECT. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£244,950

Wall Heath

Victoria Street

This MOST ELEGANT, TRADITIONAL PERIOD SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOUSE, complemented by character homes in this noted location, affords SUCCESSFULLY EXTENDED, TASTEFULLY APPOINTED and SPACIOUS ACCOMMODATION, with: Canopy porch, Fine Hall, DELIGHTFUL LOUNGE with bay, separate Dining Room, Farmhouse style Kitchen, Pantry, SPLENDID LARGE ‘FAMILY’ CONSERVATORY, THREE EXCELLENT BEDROOMS, SPACIOUS PERIOD WHITE BATHROOM, Gas Central Heating and UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING. Attractive Patio/forecourt, Double width Drive to DOUBLE CARPORT and EXTENSIVE REAR PATIO and LONG, LEVEL LAWNS with feature gardens. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE: 01384 401777

£204,950

WALL HEATH

Beachcroft Road

A SUCCESSFULLY EXTENDED AND ATTRACTIVELY APPOINTED, TRADITIONAL BAY FRONTED SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOME superbly located within one of Wall Heath s most sought after addresses and offering GENEROUSLY PROPORTIONED accommodation, including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING, CAVITY WALL INSULATION and comprising: Entrance Porch, Reception Hall, extended Lounge, separate formal Dining Room, attractively refitted Kitchen with appliances, Utility Room, Garden Room, THREE GOOD SIZED BEDROOMS and light coloured Bathroom. With attractive foregarden, GOOD SIZED DRIVEWAY, GARAGE and enjoying an ATTRACTIVE AND SECLUDED REAR GARDEN. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£194,950

DUDLEY

Elmstone Close

Enviably situated just of Richborough Drive with PANORAMIC DISTANT VIEWS, this most attractive, stylish, uPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated detached family home occupies a corner plot & is in exemplary order throughout. Accommodation comprises entrance hall, guest w.c., kitchen with a fine range of units, transverse lounge/dining room, three good bedrooms (principal bedroom with en suite), shower room, burglar alarm, garage, block paved driveway & a landscaped rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £184,950

COSELEY

Bank Street

This substantially extended, double glazed (vast majority of units) & gas centrally heated Victorian style end terrace provides deceptively spacious family living space & is available with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Accommodation comprises entrance porch, hall, 27ft lounge, dining kitchen, guest w.c., three excellent bedrooms, splendid bathroom with white corner suite/separate shower cubicle, block paved driveway, garage & a pleasant rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £115,000

Pensnett

Tansey Green Road

A IMMACULATELY PRESENTED & BEAUTIFULLY APPOINTED PERIOD TERRACE HOME, conveniently located close to amenities, offering a INCREDIBLY DECEPTIVE layout, which includes recent GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING, Large Lounge, Second Sitting Room, Luxury Kitchen, Cellar, Refitted Bathroom & THREE GOOD BEDROOMS. Set beyond a small walled frontage and enjoying beautifully landscaped, good sized rear garden with patio, lawns & decking. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£99,950

BRIERLEY HILL

Orchard Street

This traditional style, uPVC double glazed, gas centrally heated, two bedroomed semi detached home is situated in an established residential location convenient for local amenities, and is available with no upward chain. The property, which may represent an ideal first time buy, briefly comprises: Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, two double Bedrooms, Bathroom with white suite, burglar alarm, block paved Driveway and a rear Garden. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

Offers in the region of £79,950

DUDLEY

Chillington Drive, 'Highgate Park'

An absolutely outstanding, extremely stylish, freehold, gas centrally heated & double glazed detached family home that has been 'transformed' in recent years. The accommodation now comprises entrance vestibule, T-shape reception hall, elegant dining room with bay, cloaks, refitted breakfast kitchen with an extensive range of 'light beech' effect units with chrome finish detailing and many integrated appliances, laundry, superb lounge with Scandinavian glazed 'living flame' feature fire and a large uPVC double glazed CONSERVATORY beyond, further store, fitted cloakroom, office. Principal bedroom with fitted units & reappointed shower room en suite, three further bedrooms and a reappointed bathroom with white suite. Extensive block paved foregarden, secluded rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £239,950

PENSNETT

Cassandra Close

Enjoying a generous corner position upon the exclusive Badgers Rise development, which is pleasantly located close to neighbouring fields , this ATTRACTIVELY PRESENTED AND WELL APPOINTED, MODERN DETACHED FAMILY HOME includes GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising: reception hall, ground floor w.c, spacious lounge, separate dining room, conservatory extension, fitted kitchen, utility room, THREE BEDROOMS (two fitted and master with EN-SUITE) and beautifully re-appointed house bathroom. With attractive fore garden, DRIVEWAY and GARAGE together with LARGE BEAUTIFULLY LAID OUT REAR GARDEN. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£192,950

PENSNETT

Tansey Green Road

A HIGHLY INDIVIDUAL AND SUBSTANTIAL, PERIOD DETACHED FAMILY HOME, offering EXTREMELY GENEROUS accommodation, including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, PART DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising: reception hall, inner hall, large lounge, separate sitting room/dining room, attractively refitted dining kitchen, large utility room, ground floor w.c, FOUR GOOD SIZED BEDROOMS and bathroom. Having LARGE TARMAC DRIVEWAY, DOUBLE GARAGE and pleasant patio / lawned rear garden. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£189,950

DUDLEY

Austin Close, Milking Bank

A significantly EXTENDED & conscientiously maintained, gas centrally heated detached family home with secluded rear garden & good distant views from the front. Set upon well regarded development, the carefully planned accommodation includes entrance hallway, lounge with bay & living flame feature gas fire, dining room, upgraded kitchen, pantry, laundry room, fitted cloakroom. Four generous bedrooms (principal bedroom with shower room en suite & two with built-in wardrobes), bathroom, walk-in store (two lofts), 17'6" garage, gardens. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

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HIMLEY

The Limes

A MOST IMPRESSIVE AND EXCEPTIONALLY LARGE GROUND FLOOR LUXURY APARTMENT which forms part of this purpose built development for those of 55 years and over, set within BEAUTIFULLY MAINTAINED GARDENS AND GROUNDS within the "semi rural" Himley village, and still within reach of surrounding shops/amenities, offering an IMPRESSIVELY SPACIOUS and BEAUTIFULLY APPOINTED layout of accommodation which is entered via a secure main entrance, comprising: entrance hall, large 18'+ reception hall, superb 25'+ lounge with dining room area, feature fitted kitchen with integrated appliances, TWO DOUBLE BEDROOMS, both with built in wardrobes and master with en suite shower room, main bathroom, GAS CENTRAL HEATING AND UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING. TWO ALLOCATED CAR PARKING SPACES. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

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SEDGLEY

Dormston Drive

NO UPWARD CHAIN. Within walking distance of Sedgley's Bull Ring in quiet cul de sac, an outstanding, exceptionally stylish & well appointed, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed detached that has been 'transformed' by present vendors over the years. Accommodation provides entrance hallway, cupboard, superb lounge with living flame gas fire, transverse upgraded 'hub of the house' breakfast kitchen & a substantial brick/uPVC double glazed CONSERVATORY. Three bedrooms (one with wardrobes), reappointed bathroom with white suite, block paved foregarden drive & secluded/sheltered rear garden, brick former garage. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £174,950

DUDLEY

Richborough Drive

This beautifully presented, modern style, uPVC double glazed, gas centrally heated detached family home has been concientiously maintained by the current owners and is well worthy of internal inspection. Accommodation briefly comprises entrance hall, guest w.c., kitchen, transverse lounge/dining room, three good bedrooms with en suite to master, bathroom, garage, driveway & a pleasant rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £169,950

KINGSWINFORD

Murdoch Drive

Pleasantly and conveniently located within this stylish modern development, this MOST DECEPTIVE AND ATTRACTIVELY APPOINTED, MODERN 'THREE STOREY' END TOWN HOUSE affords EXCEPTIONALLY SPACIOUS accommodation, including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising: reception hall, ground floor w.c, large attractive lounge with ample dining space, attractive kitchen with integrated appliances, THREE EXCELLENT DOUBLE BEDROOMS (master with dressing area/en-suite shower room) and house bathroom. Having TWO ALLOCATED OFF-ROAD CAR PARKING SPACES and enjoying an ATTRACTIVE REAR GARDEN with decking, lawn and shrubs. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£158,950

UPPER GORNAL

Windmill Street

A PARTICULARLY SPACIOUS, significantly enhanced & successfully EXTENDED, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed semi detached in popular district. Accommodation includes entrance hallway, lounge, recently refitted dining kitchen with a fine range of 'beech' effect units & various integrated appliances (double french doors to garden), pantry, FOUR BEDROOMS (three with 'first quality' range of fitted units), reappointed bathroom with white suite, LARGE GARAGE with utility room beyond & a shower room, neat gardens. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

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PENSNETT

Tarry Hollow Road

A VERY IMPRESSIVE MODERN LINK DETACHED FAMILY HOME which is superbly located within this extremely popular modern development, offering BEAUTIFULLY MAINTAINED and EXTREMELY WELL APPOINTED accommodation, comprising: reception hall, large attractive lounge, separate dining room, luxury refitted kitchen with integrated appliances, THREE GOOD BEDROOMS, luxury refitted shower room, GAS CENTRAL HEATING and REPLACEMENT UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING. The property is slightly elevated back beyond the LANDSCAPED FRONTAGE including LARGE DRIVEWAY, 23 GARAGE and a BEAUTIFULLY LANDSCAPED & ATTRACTIVELY MAINTAINED REAR GARDEN. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

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LOWER GORNAL

Deepdale Lane

Deceptively spacious, ENLARGED, three bedoom semi detached with BASEMENT FLAT that has been 'transformed' in recent years and the gas centrally heated, uPVC double glazed accommodation comprises: Ground floor - entrance porch, reception hall, lounge, dining room & enlarged/updated kitchen with 'conservatory section', large store/utility room (former garage). First floor - three bedrooms & a reappointed shower room (former bathroom). Staircase (approach from hall or the store room) down to a 'lower ground floor flat' comprising entrance section, bathroom, living/dining/bedroom areas with a kitchen section. Neat rear garden. good distant views. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £149,950

COSELEY

Denise Drive

NO UPWARD CHAIN. An attractive, comparatively spacious (extended), freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed semi detached enviably situated in favoured cul de sac where homes are rarely available for sale. The conscientiously maintained accommodation (with further potential) provides entrance porch, reception hall, lounge with bay, dining room with bay, enlarged kitchen, vestibule & former disabled shower/wet room (10'1" x 5'1"). Three generous bedrooms, bathroom, separate toilet, garage, delightful secluded rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £149,950

SEDGLEY

Fir Tree Drive

A significantly EXTENDED, and comparatively spacious, FREEHOLD, gas centrally heated & double glazed semi detached family home in popular cul-de-sac. Accommodation includes; entrance hall, store, 19 ft through dining room (with double French doors), L shape lounge, upgraded breakfast kitchen. Two double bedrooms, and a further 19 ft third bedroom, reappointed bathroom with a white suite. Parking, "low maintenance" rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £139,950

COSELEY

Clifton Street, Hurst Hill

NO UPWARD CHAIN. This beautifully presented, extended, uPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated, three bedroom semi detached home has been conscientiously maintained/improved by the current owners and internal inspection is strongly advised to appreciate the standard of accommodation provided. The property briefly comprises entrance porch, hall, stylish lounge, extended dining kitchen with a fine range of units, utility, CONSERVATORY, three good bedrooms, refitted bathroom with white suite, driveway, garage & a pleasant rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £137,500

LANESFIELD

Mount Road

An attractive, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed traditional semi detached of character that has been significantly modernised & improved by present vendors in recent years with a number of period style features. Superb accommodation includes entrance porch, reception hall (8'6" ceiling height), store, lounge with bay & through to a dining room (with double french doors out to the garden) & a refitted kitchen with professionally installed range of units (wood block work surfaces/high gloss cream finish to the units & many integrated appliances, store. Three bedrooms (principal bedroom with freshly installed wardrobes), reappointed/re-tiled bathroom with stylish white suite/separate cubicle, 17'4" garage, garden, distant views. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £135,000

SWINDON

Winston Road

Enjoying a superb semi rural setting within extremely popular and much sought after Swindon Village, this MODERN TWO BEDROOM MID MEWS HOUSE offers ATTRACTIVELY IMPROVED accommodation, including ECONOMY 7 STORAGE HEATING, DOUBLE GLAZING and comprises: Reception Hall, attractively refitted Dining Kitchen, Inner Hall with storage, attractive Lounge, Conservatory extension, TWO BEDROOMS and refitted classic white Bathroom. With BLOCK PAVED DRIVEWAY providing parking for two vehicles and with a pleasant lawned rear garden which enjoys an OPEN REAR ASPECT. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£128,950

COSELEY

Elmdale Road, Bramford Estate

An EXTENDED, gas centrally & uPVC double glazed semi detached in popular/convenient district. Enhanced accommodation includes entrance porch, reception hall, lounge with bay, store, extended 18'2" dining/sitting room with patio doors to brick/uPVC double glazed CONSERVATORY, extended/refitted 15ft kitchen with 'oak' effect units & various integrated appliances, three bedrooms, reappointed shower room (former bathroom) with white suite, block paved parking/shared driveway, garage, good size secluded rear garden (mining search available). SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £126,950

SEDGLEY

Gibbons Hill Road

TREMENDOUSLY IMPROVED, freehold, gas centrally heated & primarily uPVC double glazed semi detached excellently situated close to 'The Beacon' open space and comprising entrance porch, reception hall, lounge, recently refitted kichen with a fine range of 'antique pine' finish units with integrated appliances, pantry, separate diining room (with patio doors out to the garden), three bedrooms (one with double wardrobe), reappointed bathroom with white suite, through lobby with two stores & a separate w.c., GARAGE, secluded good size rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £124,950

COSELEY

Bridgewater Drive

This beautifully presented, modern style, extended, uPVC double glazed three bedroomed semi detached home has been conscientiously maintained by the current owners, and is situated at the head of this popular cul-de-sac. The property is well worthy of an internal inspection, and briefly comprises; living room, dining kitchen with a fine range of units, conservatory, study/playroom, guest w.c. Three bedrooms, bathroom with a white suite. Garage, double width driveway, and a low maintenance rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £124,950

COSELEY

Catherine Road, Hurst Hill

TREMENDOUS POTENTIAL. Enviably situated upon fine CORNER PLOT a Freehold, uPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated semi detached providing reception hall, kitchen, living/dining room. Three bedrooms, bathroom. SEPARATE GARAGE. Delightful secluded garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £121,750

GORNAL WOOD

Chapel Walk

RARE OPPORTUNITY! - A significantly enhanced, comparatively spacious, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed semi detached bungalow (effectively Flat alternative) enviably situated in particularly secluded/private location within walking distance of the village & all associated amenities. Accommodation includes entrance vestibule, 28'4" through central reception hall with lobby to the rear, two stores, lounge with double french doors to a brick/uPVC double glazed CONSERVATORY addition, refitted kitchen with various integrated appliances, double bedroom, reappointed bathroom with white suite, neat 'low maintenance' gardens, GARAGE & further parking. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £114,950

BRIERLEY HILL

Stourbridge Road

A traditionally styled and extended, gas centrally heated and vast majority double glazed three bedroomed semi detached property situated in this established residential location and available with no upward chain. With accommodation comprising, hall, front reception room, extended rear reception room, extended kitchen, 3 first floor bedrooms, bathroom, well sized rear garden with private outlook and far reaching views, garage, burglar alarm, driveway. BRIERLEY HILL 01384 265265

Offers around £114,950

DUDLEY

Stoney Lane

This traditional style, surprisingly spacious, uPVC double glazed, gas centrally heated, three bedroomed semi detached home has been conscientiously maintained by the current owners. As personal inspection will confirm, the well presented property briefly comprises; Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Kitchen with integrated appliances, Guest W.C., three excellent Bedrooms, re-fitted Bathroom with white suite, block paved driveway and a pleasant rear Garden. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

Offers around £114,950

COSELEY

Berrington Drive

A freehold, gas centrally heated, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED semi detached virtually at head of cul de sac within reasonable distance of so many amenities including Coseley railway station. The imrpoved accommodation includes porch, lounge (laminate finish floor), transverse breakfast kitchen, TWO DOUBLE BEDROOMS (one with a range of fitted units), recently reappointed/re-tiled bathroom with stylish white suite with chrome detailing, BRICK GARAGE (pitched roof) & garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £113,950

COSELEY

Cox Road

This modern style, majority uPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated semi detached home is available with NO UPWARD CHAIN & is sure to appeal to both first time buyers & young families alike. Accommodation briefly comprises entrance hall, lounge, dining kitchen, guest w.c., three bedrooms, bathroom, garage, driveway & a low maintenance garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £109,950

DUDLEY

Hampton Street

This modern style, uPVC double glazed, gas centrally heated, three bedroomed mid terrace is situated in an established residential location, and may particularly appeal to first time buyers or young families. Accommodation briefly comprises: Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Kitchen, three Bedrooms, Bathroom with white corner suite / seperate shower cubicle, low maintenance Garden and Garage to rear. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

Offers in the Region Of £109,950

COSELEY

Pemberton Road

A superb, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed intermediate terrace of character that has been tremendously enhanced & improved in recent years. The stylish accommodation includes; living room, lobby, cellar, dining room (with uPVC double French doors out to the garden), recently refitted kitchen (wood block work surfaces & 'high gloss' cream finish units), reappointed/part tiled bathroom with white suite. Two generous bedrooms, and steps up to useful loft space (velux sky lights & 7 ft max. ceiling height). Garden.SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £104,950

UPPER GORNAL

Vale Street

This Victorian style, uPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated mid terrace is beautifully presented throughout & may particularly appeal to first time buyers. Accommodation briefly comprises lounge, dining room, kitchen, bathroom with white suite, two double bedrooms & a low maintenance rear garden SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £104,950

GORNAL WOOD

Flavells Lane

A distinctive & highly individual, freehold, uPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated double fronted cottage of character with further potential. Enjoying good distant views from the front, the property is set well back from the lane (pedestrian access ony) and comprises entrance porch, dining room, central hallway, lounge with patio doors, kitchen, bathroom, THREE BEDROOMS, garden designed for 'low maintenance'. No Parking. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £99,950

COSELEY

Anvil Crescent

This beautifully presented, uPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated mid townhouse is well worthy of internal inspection & may particularly appeal to first time buyers. The stylish accommodation briefly comprises entrance hall, lounge, dining kitchen, two bedrooms, bathroom with white suite, driveway & a low maintenance rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £94,500

DUDLEY

Blackthorne Close, Old Park Farm estate

NO UPWARD CHAIN. A gas centrally heated, uPVC double glazed semi detached upon WIDER THAN AVERAGE plot (providing tremendous potential) at head of cul-de-sac. The property comprises; entrance porch, reception hall, lounge, transverse dining kitchen (with an upgraded range of "beech" effect units, integrated oven, hob & filter), and a large utility room/store beyond. Three bedrooms, reappointed bathroom with a white suite, separate w.c. LARGE CAR PORT (19' x 9'2"), good sized garden with potential rear vehicular access.
Mining Search available (limited mortgage facilities) - further details with Agents SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £84,950

DUDLEY

New Road

A deceptively spacious three bedroomed property , having a gas central heating system, upvc double glazing to the majority, to briefly include reception hall, living room, dining kitchen, landing, two good bedrooms, bathroom, second floor landing, bedroom three and good size rear gardens. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £84,950

NETHERTON

The Sling

A two bedroom semi detached property having a gas central heating system, ideally suited for first time buyers. To include: Living room, inner hall, breakfast kitchen, landing, two bedrooms, bathroom with shower and rear gardens. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £55,000

DUDLEY

Attingham Drive, 'Sovereign Heights'

50% SHARE. A comparatively SPACIOUS, Upvc double glazed Ground Floor Apartment having a slightly larger design than others on the development, and representing an ideal opportunity for first time buyers where the present owners 50% share is available for sale. "Entry phone" style security system to entrance lobby (front & rear) with the apartment comprising; central reception hall, 18 ft through living room with patio doors, and a well equipped kitchen section having a range of stylish "maple" effect units & various integrated appliances, TWO BEDROOMS (principal bedroom with built in double wardrobe and a shower room en suite), bathroom with a white suite. Communal grounds, allocated parking. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £51,500 for vendors 50% share

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NEW

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Limepit Lane, DUDLEY

- Unique, surprisingly spacious layout
- Two reception rooms and Four bedrooms
- Shower Room and Bathroom
- Close proximity to Bishop Milner

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NEW

TWO BEDROOMS

Rough Hill Drive. ROWLEY REGIS

- Detached modern bungalow
- Elevated views and secluded location
- Large gardens, driveway, garage
- Two bedrooms, shower room
- Lounge and Conservatory

Offers Around £209,950

NEW

SEVEN BEDROOMS

Gibson Drive, SMETHWICK

- A 'Tardis' for the larger family!
- SEVEN Bedrooms! YES 7 Bedrooms
- Lounge, Dining Room and Study
- Two kitchens, two bathrooms and two cloakrooms
- Canal side setting

Offers Around £249,950

NEW

THREE BEDROOMS

The Belper, DUDLEY

- Modern detached house
- Three bedrooms and bathroom
- Lounge, Kitchen, W.C.
- Secure parking behind gates
- NO UPWARD CHAIN

Offers Around £117,500

NEW

THREE BEDROOMS

Watsons Green Road, DUDLEY

- Three bedroom mid terraced home
- Lounge, kitchen, bathroom
- Long enclosed garden
- No Upward Chain
- Original period features

Offers Around £107,500

NEW

THREE BEDROOMS

Forest Road, DUDLEY

- Period end terraced house
- Three bedrooms, W.C. and bathroom
- Re-fitted 'Ikea' kitchen and dining area
- Lounge with contemporary fire
- Enclosed rear garden and parking

Offers Around £114,950

NEW **Court Road, WOLVERHAMPTON**

- A spacious and extended end terraced House on corner plot
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TWO BEDROOMS

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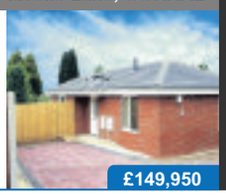

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TWO BEDROOMS

NEW PRICE **Crossgate Road, DUDLEY**

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TIVIDALE
Wentworth Drive

A three bedroom detached house with hallway, downstairs wc, through lounge with dining area, fitted kitchen, garage, driveway and gardens to the front and rear

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COSELEY
Providence Row

A three bedroom semi detached house in need of some modernisation with hallway, kitchen, two reception rooms, upstairs bathroom, extensive garden to the rear and driveway to the front

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WOMBOURNE
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A two bedroom semi detached house set in a cul de sac location with lounge, fitted kitchen, gardens to the front and rear and driveway to the side.

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DUDLEY
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£460 pcm
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£560 pcm
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£510 pcm
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PENSNETT

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£550 pcm
Semi Detached Property, Large Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Double Glazing, Gas Central Heating, Off Road Parking, Unfurnished

KINGSWINFORD

BROAD MEADOW
£650 pcm
Semi Detached Property, Lounge, Kitchen, Cloakroom, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Unfurnished, Front & Rear Gardens, Single Garage

UPPER GORNAL

KENT STREET
£350 pcm
Flat, Lounge, Kitchen, Bedroom, Bathroom with Shower, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Off Road Parking, Unfurnished

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£375 pcm
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STANDHILLS ROAD
£625 pcm
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BRIERLEY HILL

THE PROMENADE
£550 pcm
Terraced Property, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom with Shower, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Front & Rear Garden, Unfurnished

GORNAL

GREEN LANE
£525 pcm
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TIPTON

WOOD STREET
£575 pcm
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TIPTON

SEDGLEY ROAD WEST
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RUSSELLS HALL

MERRYFIELD ROAD
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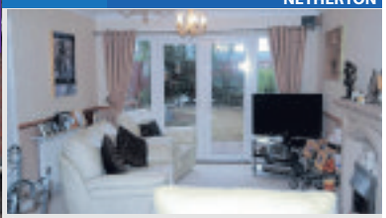
NEW

3 Bed **Tewkesbury Drive, NETHERTON**

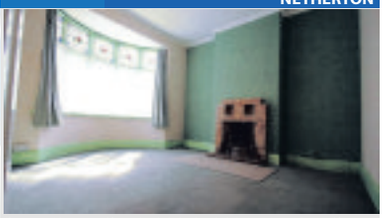


A well presented and spacious three bedroom semi detached property benefitting from lounge/diner, kitchen, three good sized bedrooms, bathroom, central heating, garage, driveway, double glazing and pleasant rear garden. Close to local amenities early viewing recommended

NETHERTON Office Offers Around £137,950

NEW

3 Bed **Stanhope Street, NETHERTON**



If you are partial to an original feature then the high ceilings, high skirtings, picture rails, original feature stained glass windows and front door panels this property offer are for you! With heaps of potential this three bedroom detached family home with tandem garage set in this quiet backwater location is a true gem! Offered with NO ONWARD CHAIN and priced to sell the accommodation has a beautiful stained glass front door,inviting entrance hallway, lounge with bay window having original stained glass, feature fire with surround, the second reception room has leaded french doors to the rear, and kitchen. On the first floor there are three good sized bedrooms and a shower room. Externally there is a fenced rear garden with lawn, potting shed, wishing well and patio and external WC. In this agents opinion A MUST SEE PROPERTY!

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NEW

2 Bed **Worcester Road, NETHERTON**

A two bedroom semi detached property in need of some modernisation. Comprising, Lounge, Kitchen, downstairs w.c, conservatory, two bedrooms, bathroom, central heating and double glazing where specified. No upward chain

NETHERTON Office Price £70,000

NEW

2 Bed **New Rowley Road, DUDLEY**

An immaculately presented and spacious two bedroom detached bungalow comprising, entrance hall, lounge, dining area, well appointed kitchen, delightful bathroom, two good sized bedrooms, central heating, double glazing, pretty rear gardens and off road parking. Early viewing is essential to avoid disappointment.

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NEW

4 Bed **Wakeman Drive, OLDBURY**

A well presented and spacious detached property in this poplular and delightful location. Comprising, Lounge, Dining room, extended kitchen/utility, downstairs toilet, downstairs bedroom 4/garage, three first floor bedrooms, master with en-suite, bathroom, rear garden and off road parking. Benefitting from double glazing, central heating and no upward chain. Viewing via Halesowen office

HALESOWEN Office Offers Around £184,950

3 Bed **Bratch Close, NETHERTON**

A spacious family home situated in this popular quiet cul-de-sac location has well presented accommodation comprising of an entrance porch, hallway, lounge, dining room, kitchen, three bedrooms and bathroom. The property also has off road parking for a number of vehicles and a garage as well as an attractive private rear garden. Viewing highly recommended. NO UPWARD CHAIN.

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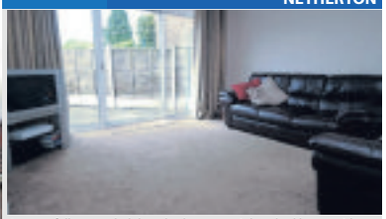
3 Bed **Mousesweet Close, NETHERTON**



A succesfully extended three bedroom semi detached home with two reception rooms. The spcaious accomodation comprises of an entrance hall, dining room, fitted kitchen, lounge with sliding patio doors opening out to the rear garden, on the first floor are three well proportioned bedrooms and the family bathroom. The property also benefits from a driveway and garage. Viewing highly recommended

NETHERTON Office Offers Around £124,950

3 Bed **Fladbury Close, NETHERTON**

A beautifully presented semi-detached family home situated in a cul-de-sac location and available with no upward chain. The property comprises: Entrance porch, hallway, lounge, re-fitted kitchen/ dining room, three bedrooms and family bathroom on the first floor. There is parking for several vehicles to the fore leading to garage and a low maintenance rear garden. The property is leasehold but the vendor is buying the freehold on completion of a sale." Viewing is highly recommended to fully appreciate the standard of accommodation on offer".

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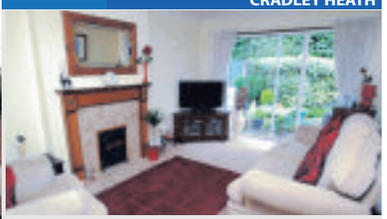
3 Bed — **Oldbury Road, ROWLEY REGIS**

A delightful family home with good sized accommodation and pleasant rear garden, comprising dining room, extended lounge, extended kitchen, downstairs w.c, three well proportioned bedrooms, bathroom, ample parking and lovely rear garden. Viewing recommended, contact Halesowen office.

HALESOWEN Office — **Offers Around £139,950**

2 Bed — **Station Road, CRADLEY HEATH**



A beautifully presented and well maintained link detached bungalow in this convenient location. Close to local amenites including the train station it is ideal for people of all ages. Having two good sized bedrooms, bathroom, kitchen, living room, rear garden and garage viewing is recommended to avoid missing out on this property.

HALESOWEN Office — **Offers Around £164,950**

3 Bed — **Corbyns Hall Road, BRIERLEY HILL**

A Fantastic 'family sized' three bedroom Period detached house offering potential for a sizeable two storey extension to the side, subject to consents being obtained. Having Hallway, Dining Room, extended Lounge, extended Breakfast Kitchen, three Bedrooms, refitted Bathroom, gated front driveway, gated side driveway and long well maintained established gardens. Viewing essential to appreciate the development potential on offer.

STOURBRIDGE Office — **Offers Around £165,000**

4 Bed — **Mount Pleasant, KINGSWINFORD**

Words fail me, they truly do! How can I describe the astonishing size and scope of this house? There is no way of doing it justice, so if you are looking for a four bedroom house at this price in such a brilliant area, you HAVE to view this house! The vital statistics of this potential beauty are as follows; four bedrooms, two cellars, two classic reception rooms and a sun room, driveway, garage and a really large, beautiful rear garden. A personal inspection is the only way to fully understand what a fantastic family home this could be, so call STOURBRIDGE on 01384 444645 to arrange to go round.

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Three bedroom detached property briefly comprising entrance hall, downstairs WC, lounge, kitchen, further reception room (converted garage), family bathroom, rear gardens and driveway. Viewing highly recommended to appreciate this property!

Park Road, Lower Gornal

Offers Over £100,000 NEW

Semi detached three bedroom property briefly comprising entrance hall, lounge, dining room, modern kitchen, family bathroom and front and rear gardens.

Groveland Road, Tipton

Offers Over £150,000 NEW

Semi detached three bedroom property briefly comprising entrance hall, downstairs WC, lounge, dining room, modern kitchen, family bathroom, front and rear gardens and drive.

Maybank Road, Dudley

£70,000 NEW

Semi detached two bedroom property briefly comprising entrance hall, lounge, kitchen, downstairs WC, bathroom, rear garden and driveway.

Woodfield Road, Dudley

Offers Over £90,000 NEW

Semi detached two bedroom property briefly comprising entrance hall, lounge, kitchen, downstairs WC, family bathroom, rear garden and driveway.

Ullswater Rise, Brierley Hill

Offers Over £110,000 NEW

Semi detached three bedroom property briefly comprising lounge, kitchen/diner, family bathroom, rear garden car port and drive. Viewing recommended to appreciate this property!

Beech Crescent, Tipton

£70,000 NEW

Mid terraced three bedroom property briefly comprising entrance hall, lounge, kitchen/diner, downstairs bathroom, master bedroom with en-suite, rear garden and driveway.

Cromwell Street, Dudley

£72,500 NEW

End terraced three bedroom property briefly comprising entrance hall, downstairs WC, lounge, dining room, shower room and rear garden.

Stourbridge Road, Dudley

Offers Over £80,000 NEW PRICE

Mid terraced three bedroom property briefly comprising entrance hall, lounge/diner, modern kitchen, bathroom and rear garden. Viewing recommended to appreciate this property!

Langley Avenue, Bilston

£65,000 NEW PRICE

End terraced three bedroom property briefly comprising porch, lounge/diner, extended kitchen, downstairs bathroom, master bedroom with en-suite, rear garden and driveway.

Sunnybank Road, Dudley

Offers Over £110,000 NEW PRICE

Must be viewed! Semi detached extended three bedroom property briefly comprising entrance hall, lounge/diner, kitchen, downstairs WC, utility, family bathroom, front and rear gardens, driveway and garage.

Acacia Close, Dudley

Offers Over £95,000

End terraced two bedroom property briefly comprising entrance hall, lounge, kitchen, bathroom, rear garden and driveway. Must be viewed to fully appreciate.

Occupation Street, Dudley

Offers Over £110,000

Modern detached three bedroom property briefly comprising entrance hall, downstairs WC, kitchen, lounge, family bathroom, front and rear gardens and driveway. Must be viewed to appreciate this property!

Tenacre Lane, Dudley

Offers Over £70,000 NEW PRICE

Two bedroom ground floor flat briefly comprising entrance hall, lounge, modern kitchen and bathroom, rear garden and driveway. Viewing essential to appreciate this property!

Tenacre Lane, Dudley

Offers Over £110,000 NEW PRICE

Semi detached three bedroom property briefly comprising entrance hall, dining room, living room, modern kitchen, family bathroom, rear garden and driveway.
Viewing highly recommended!

Oakland Drive, Dudley

Offers Over £130,000 NEW PRICE

Extended Semi detached three bedroom property briefly comprising entrance porch, entrance hall, lounge/diner, kitchen, further reception room, family bathroom, front and rear gardens, garage and driveway. Viewing essential to appreciate this property!

Edenbridge View, Dudley

Offers Over £110,000

This two bedroom semi detached property, briefly comprises; entrance hall, lounge, kitchen/diner, bathroom, rear garden and driveway. This property can also be offered on a shared ownership basis. For more information please call us on 01384 237313.

Greyfriars Close, Dudley

Offers Over £180,000

No upward chain modern detached three bedroom property briefly comprising entrance hall, dining room, lounge, kitchen, downstairs WC, family bathroom, master bedroom with en-suite, front and rear gardens, driveway and garage.Viewing recomended to appreciate this property!

Huntsman Close, Bilston

£150,000

Modern detached three bedroom property briefly comprising entrance hall, downstairs WC, lounge, kitchen/diner, conservatory, family bathroom, front and rear gardens driveway and garage. Viewing recommended to appreciate this property!

Spring Parklands, Dudley

Offers Over £110,000

Semi detached three bedroom property briefly comprising entrance hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, family bathroom, rear garden, driveway and garage.

Oakham Drive, Dudley

Offers Over £150,000

Semi detached three bedroom property briefly comprising entrance hall, lounge, dining room, extended kitchen, family bathroom, front and rear gardens, driveway and garage currently used for storage.

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Upbeat on this VW despite the name!

The only way is up! Volkswagen have come up with a nifty number at the right price

Let's get something out of the way first . . . why do car companies settle on ridiculous or even comedic names to call new models?

Silly question really, we all know it's down to marketing and focus teams trying to validate their vast fees on such tasks.

Volkswagen has not really fallen into that pit too deep but the name of their latest city car has been the object of some derision.

up! (yes the lower case initial letter and exclamation mark are part of the name) is a totally new car from the marque, a sub-Polo sized vehicle in the wake of the Fox and the Lupo. Animal names are not so bad even though we have one English and one Italian in the former and latter. But Up! is dreadful, it looks ridiculous in the middle of a sentence and even incorrect. Exclamation marks are meant for emphasis at the end of sentences. So I shall just refer to it as the Up hereon.

With the pressure on motoring costs, demand for sub-compact cars has grown enormously and sales are impressive. So the Up is a good move for Volkswagen in the marketplace which includes the lovely Fiat 500.

I love the modern 500 because it reminds me of the days of the original model, a time of carefree days as a student when I drove to university in and old but endearing bubble.

And I found, to my surprise, that I like the Up. It is good looking front and back and inside that continues. While the entry level may be a little basic for not much more money you can get a trim level that is well fitted out. You can also make the car your very own with well-priced options for personalisation - from the dashboard to the wheels.

Then we come to the added attraction above the 500 - the space inside. The 3.5 metre Up really does surprise. Four can be transported with some comfort and no elbow bashing for up to six footers. While the boot may be small in terms of space between the seats and boot lip, it is deep and the rear seats are standard with split capability.

Powering the up! is a new generation of three-cylinder petrol engines, with outputs of 60 and 75 PS.

Consumption

Combined fuel consumption for the 60 PS BlueMotion Technology model is 68.9 mpg on the combined cycle with CO2 emissions of 95 g/km; even the more powerful 75 PS unit stays under the 100 g barrier with just 98 g/km. The fuel economy they give is very good, although if you want to press on and work the engines hard, watch that figure slump

Parking is easy, there's good steering, it glides around town and even on motorways and it also rides well even when you take it out on some of Shropshire's pothole strewn country lanes. The gearchange is precise and clutch and brake pedals are nicely weighted and progressive, making it very easy to drive smoothly.

Three versions are available: Take up!, Move up! and High up! with prices starting at £7,995 All are competitively priced and offer a high level of standard equipment. Two special edition models – the up! black and up! white – which are based on the High up! are also available. All models have a raft of safety features including ABS and four airbags, while all except Take up! also have standard ESP. An important new safety technology in the up! is the optional award-winning City Emergency Braking system which at speeds of under 19 mph detects the risk of an impending collision and can reduce accident severity by initiating automatic brake interventions that can even avoid a crash.

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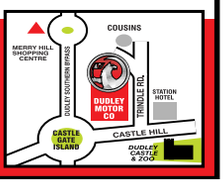

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The revised CBR1000RR Fireblade took a bow at Le Mans and Imola, to high praise from race-goers

Iconic Honda racer given a makeover to mark 20 years

HONDA'S revised CBR1000RR Fireblade for 2012 is a model which celebrates 20 years of this iconic sports bike following its debut as in 1992.

The machine was revealed simultaneously at two world class racing events – the Le Mans 24 hours round of the Endurance World Championship and the 11th round of the World Superbike Championship in Imola, , to great praise from attending race-goers.

The revised Fireblade sports new styling with a more angular front end, layered main fairing and revised tail section, with new front and rear suspension providing a key new feature. Introduced for the first time on a production motorcycle, an advanced new rear shock uses a double-tube design to ensure smoother and more accurate response, superior damping and improved traction. The front features inverted 43mm telescopic front forks with Showa's Big Piston technology, offering improved damping, increased front tyre grip and better stability under braking. The two combined provide for unrivalled traction without the need for electronic aids.

New fuel injection settings for the 999cc inline-4 engine will make throttle response even smoother and easier to use, particularly at smaller throttle openings, while the stylish 12-spoke cast aluminium wheels provide more consistent rigidity around the whole wheel to work with the new forks to deliver improved handling. On hand to unveil the new machine were John McGuinness, 17 times TT winner and racing at Le Mans for the Honda TT Legends Team,and Jonathan Rea, rider for the Castrol Honda Team in the World Superbike Championship.

McGuinness said: "I've got a real soft spot for the Fireblade. I've ridden it in many of its evolutions and different racing events over the years and had a lot of success with it. In fact, some of the most memorable moments of my career have been on the Fireblade.

Rea added: "I feel like I have grown up with the Fireblade. It's such an iconic machine and it's an unbelievable feeling being the man to actually reveal the latest version."

Ariel's Atom supercar to race in its own cup series

Atom racing cars will all run on 2.0-litre Honda Type R iVTEC engines, Yokohama will provide tyres.

A CYNIC will point out that the success of any of Britain's famous motoring brands is all down to foreign investment and management, with names such as Rolls Royce, Bentley, Aston Martin, Jaguar and Land Rover all benefiting from varying degrees of European influence.

But in a quiet corner of Somerset, an entirely home-grown car manufacturer continues to buck the trend.

The Ariel Motor Company in partnership with Atomic Race Management has announced plans for the Atom Cup, a new UK-based race series featuring the ultra-light Ariel Atom supercar.

Designed and built by Ariel Motor Company in Somerset, the Atom has become an icon of minimalist design and lightweight performance with a power to weight ratio in excess of most supercars.

Spanning eight race weekends at the UK's best circuits, from Brands Hatch to Silverstone, the Atom Cup will feature matched Atoms in full race specification.

Engines, ECU and dampers will all be sealed and the cars will run on control tyres supplied by Yokohama, which is sponsoring the series.

All cars will be powered by the legendary 2.0 Honda Type R iVTEC engine and the series is also supported by Honda.

Paul Ormond of Honda UK said: "We are very excited by the opportunity to support this new series. Competition has always been at the heart of Honda and the Atom Cup should provide some exciting racing."

Simon Saunders, director of Ariel, said: "This is something that we've talked about for a while and we have spent a lot of time getting the details exactly right, from the car right through to the catering.

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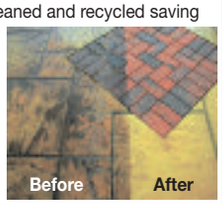

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Final spot will help in search for new base

Dudley Heathens

HEATHENS coach Jan O Pedersen says reaching the Knockout Cup final can only help the club in their search for a new permanent home.

The Dane, who has played his part in the team's success as club coach, is also helping to represent the club in discussions with top council officials as they look to return to the Dudley Borough.

Pedersen won the top flight Knockout Cup a staggering five times during a glittering career with Cradley and now, as team coach, he's played his part in getting the modern-day Heathens to the third-tier final.

They were handed a place in the final after their abandoned semi at the Isle of Wight was allowed to stand with Heathens taking a 34-point aggregate win.

Now they will face either Stoke or Mildenhall, who race their semi-final next month.

Pedersen said: "The cup obviously holds a special place in my heart because we were particularly successful in the KO Cup back when I was riding, for whatever reason. I am here now to put the team in the best position to win, as I see that the whole issue with winning is a matter of putting pressure on the council because the more we win the less they can ignore us.

"As a result the cup final is massive for us, not just because of how much it would mean to the club in terms of the history but also because of how it might help in getting our own track again.

"It is looking like we could possibly win a league and cup double this season, although there is a very long way to go. It is very important to me as a racer even though I don't race competitively any more to see the team be successful.

"I take things really seriously when I am there working with the team because I am as desperate as anyone to make the club successful again.

"But also the second part is the fans who follow us everywhere and travel with us because they are desperate to see their club do well.

"Probably a really important issue here is that the more we win the more we put pressure on the council to give us our own track. We have been the most successful team in the borough over the years and we don't have anywhere to go and that really isn't on."

Heathens continue their push for top spot in the National League when they face Rye House at their adopted Monmore Green home on Tuesday, August 28.

The Hertfordshire club include Jason Garrity, the Heathens' fans panto hate figure, and Dudley are expected to be at full strength.

Heathens see 100 per cent run ended

Mildenhall 53 Dudley 36

DUDLEY lost their 100 per cent National League record after riding without their top three men.

The Heathens, already minus Tom Perry due to a grasstrack commitment, also lost the services of Adam Roynon and Ashley Morris after a wrangle with the Fen Tigers over the meeting start time.

Mildenhall were also short-handed, but the home team coped better and ran out comfortable winners. With the exception of reserve Ryan Terry-Daley, they scored heavily throughout.

Dudley could provide only a couple of heat winners, the first of them in heat two when James White-Williams was the last man standing after all the other riders were disqualified in three separate crashes.

Guest Gary Irving also saw the chequered flag in heat five, and after eight races the Heathens were still in touch at 25-20.

But Mildenhall pulled clear to have the points in the bag with two heats remaining. Heathens boss Will Pottinger said: "We were on a hiding to nothing and Mildenhall knew that."

Mildenhall: Danny Halsey 13+1, Stefan Nielsen 13, Joe Jacobs 11+3, Jason Garrity 9+1, Josh Bates 7, Ryan Terry-Daley 0.

Dudley: Gary Irving 11, Byron Bekker 10, Darryl Ritchings 6+3, James White-Williams 5+2, Dan Greenwood 4+1, Conor Dwyer 0.

Yeltz lose man, then the match

Halesowen Town 1
Mickleover Sports 3

HALESOWEN'S Evo-Stik League Division One South debut fell flat after they were reduced to 10 men and well beaten.

Sports' Alex Steadman drilled home a low shot in the 36th minute but the game effectively ended when Brendan Kelly received a straight red card for a dangerous 51st minute challenge on Martin Smythe.

Ashton doubled the lead after 59 minutes and Steadman established a comprehensive 3-0 lead after 66.

Ben Haseley scored a late consolation after he had an 81st minute penalty saved.

Halesowen: Evans; Lycett, Caines, Brooks, Kelly, Milligan (Drake 76), Steane, Barnfield), Jones (Gueyes 64), Haseley, Griffin (Brookes 76). Unused **Subs not used:** B. Smith, Flower.

Joy for Bala after late goal earns the points

A STOPPAGE-TIME winner from Dreniz Bala earned three crucial points for Dudley Town. They put their stuttering league form aside to move within touching distance of the early pace-setters in the West Midlands Premier.

With the Robins' management team having to contend with an ever-growing list of unavailability and injuries, Andy Wyton and Andy Burgess were forced to make changes to the side that lost 4-2 at Black Country Rangers with starts for Grant Joshua and the returning Karl Gardner. Former Halesowen and Stourbridge utility man Alex Cowley made his first start of the season at right-back.

Dudley were quickly out of the blocks and should have been ahead within 60 seconds, Brett McGilligan curling a shot just over Andy Pryce's goal.

The hosts did not have to wait long to take a deserved lead. Wellington failed to clear a corner and Anthony Cox stole in to deliver an unstoppable shot from the edge of the penalty area to make it 1-0.

Wellington failed to make much impact during the first period and the Division One champions' best effort in the opening exchanges was a 22nd-minute corner that was dragged behind by makeshift centre-back Alex Perry.

Dudley had to thank keeper Aaron O'Malley for making a brave save low down from Matt Ellsmore just before the hour mark.

It was probably a fair portrait of the game when the visitors equalised on 65 minutes. A looping header from Dave Joyner deceived O'Malley and floated into the back of the net.

Dudley Town 2 Wellington Am 1

From then Wellington looked the most likely to score again with Ellsmore constantly being a thorn in Dudley's side.

The introduction of Rion Francis-Mills sparked renewed life into the Dudley front-line, but all looked lost when he set up Danny Ludlow whose 88th minute shot whistled over.

But Dudley's dogged determination bore fruit during injury time. A forward pass from Ludlow freed Francis-Mills but it was Bala who stole in at the last minute to guide the ball past Pryce for a valuable.

Dudley Town: O'Malley, Cowley, Watkins, Perry, Whitley, Gardner, Cox (Smith), McGilligan (Francis-Mills), Bala, Joshua (Whittaker), Ludlow. Subs not used: Burgess, Weston.

Wellington Amateurs: Price, Adrewartha, Hammond (Richards), McGowan, Joyner, Sheridan, Cassels, Adamczyk (Hickling), Ellsmore, Scott (Smith), Faux.

Referee: Adrian Hall.

Attendance: 54.

Gornal claim victory in the battle of Dunkirk

Dunkirk 1 Gornal Athletic 4

GORNAL ATHLETIC took a superb victory at Dunkirk and appear to be settling well into Midland Alliance life.

They got off to a flying start when Lee Wherton found the net in the first minute.

Gornal began to dominate and extended their lead on 18 minutes when Marvin Nisbett got to the byline and chipped across for Mike Perks to head home.

A lapse of concentration by the Gornal defence 15 minutes before the break allowed Dunkirk back into the game. A long ball was not cleared and Austin Wallace was given space to hit his shot across James Pemberton into the far corner.

It took only five minutes of the second half for Gornal to regain their two-goal advantage.

Coner Gater played in Nisbett who ran for another 20 yards and chipped the ball over the keeper into the empty net.

Lee Wherton hit the bar on 55 minutes, but two minutes later Nisbett sealed the game, beating two defenders and the goalkeeper to tap home.

Gornal Athletic Reserves' Stuart Baker, right, is first to the ball as Newport Town's Nathan Holloway closes in. Gornal won the match 1-0. *Picture: Foto-4-u*

It's one to forget for Glassboys opponents

Stourbridge 4 Arlesey Town 1

STOURBRIDGE made a flying start to their Evo-Stik Southern Premier campaign.

For the visitors, it was an afternoon they will want to forget. The Bedfordshire side suffered travel difficulties en route to the Redditch United ground the Glassboys were using for the day, causing a delayed kick-off – and then went down 4-1.

With 13 minutes gone, Arlesey ought to have grabbed the lead but James Hatch sent a shot the wrong side of the far post.

Instead, Stourbridge responded to forge ahead in the 21st minute. Sam Rock attacked down the left and got by Nyasha Sagwete before cutting into the penalty area and scoring his 50th goal for the club with a firm low shot.

Eleven minutes before the interval, Stourbridge struck again to double their advantage. Ben Billingham collected the ball on the right and cut in to the box unchallenged before scoring with a low shot under the keeper.

Arlesey shuffled their pack for the second period and Hatch halved the deficit with a stunning 30-yard strike in the 55th minute.

The Glassboys regained their composure and struck in devastating fashion on 74 minutes to restore the two-goal cushion. Ben Billingham fed the over-lapping Broadhurst down the left and his centre was half-cleared to Sean Geddes who flicked the ball up before sending an exquisite 20-yard volley into the top corner.

Substitute Chris Knight got the fourth.

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Dudley & Cradley Heath League
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It's fun in the sun as Tipton make hay

Heather St John's 0
Tipton Town 2

TIPTON shone in the sun to claim victory in this Midland Alliance clash.

Town took the game by the scruff of the neck and dominated so much that Neil Page in goal never had a shot to save in the 90 minutes.

Max Bissell was captain for the day, before leaving Britain's shores for a career abroad.

Karl Edwards scored twice but all 10 outfield men were outstanding and for the first time this season, Tipton converted their chances.

Edwards' first goal came in the 16th minute. Good work by Eric Bowen in the corner set up Bissell for a perfect cross to find Edwards at the far post who headed the ball past the motionless keeper.

All efforts by Heather to break out of their own half were snuffed out by a resilient back seven of Tipton.

Tipton never took their foot off the pedal and Matt Martin's crosses were always causing problems for the Heather defence which struggled to contain Lewis Haycock and Edwards up front, ably supported by Max Black, Tom Tonks and Mike Wardle.

The game was sealed in the 61st minute by Edwards who bravely threw himself at a near-post Martin cross.

Clubs up for the new cup

YOUNG footballers have the chance to compete for a new cup.

The Stourbridge & District Youth and Girls League have launched a new open junior charity challenge cup competition for any boys and girls teams in the under-11 to under-15 age groups.

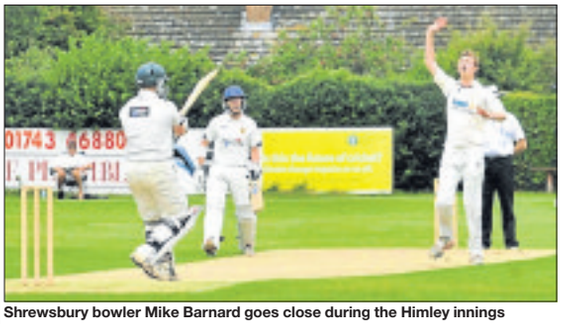
It has been authorised by the Birmingham County FA and fills the gap left by the demise of the South Staffs Charity Cup a few years ago.

League officials say that all the cup finals will be played on a prestigious ground.

They hope to attract teams from throughout the Midlands area.

All proceeds from the competition will go to charity.

Application forms can be obtained from Roger Smart, 18 Beakes Road, Smethwick, West Midlands, B67 5RU or downloaded from the league website at www.sdyfl.org



Shrewsbury bowler Mike Barnard goes close during the Himley innings

100 Round's firepower

Himley CC

NATHAN ROUND'S unbeaten century saw Himley take the lion's share of the Birmingham League Premier points from their trip to Shrewsbury.

Round made exactly 100 and, with fine backing from Rajat Bhatia's 62, Himley were able to post a total of 218-5 from their 55 overs.

Shrewsbury needed victory in the run chase to have any realistic chance of involvement in the title battle.

They made a decent start with runs at the top of the order for openers Ryan Bishop (53) and Ed Foster (30).

But consistent bowling from the Himley attack pegged back the home side and they finished on 183-8.

Ashfak Hussain took 3-53 while Daniel Smith claimed 2-38 and Bhatia rounded off a fine personal game with 2-33.

Himley could not take the last two wickets for victory.

Himley's Greg Wright bats

HILLOCKS RETURNS TO BE A MODEL PRO

BRIERLEY HILL'S Quinton Hillocks today vowed to prove he's a model professional when he comes back to boxing after nearly three years out of the ring.

Hillocks has been added to the bill at Wolverhampton Civic Hall on Friday, September 28 and hopes he will style and profile like he's never been away.

The Florida-born Black Country fighter, who turned 28 last Thursday, is known for his work as a male model and won't want punches ruining his features.

by Craig Birch

The flamboyant super middleweight was an amateur with Lions ABC in Dudley before turning pro in 2009, clocking up three straight wins in five months.

A razor-thin British Masters title loss on points to Eddie McIntosh came at the start of October and he was back in the ring again two weeks later.

Jamie Ambler halted a drained Hillocks in the fifth round and he vanished afterwards, but has now returned with his mind set on putting it right.

Hillocks said: "I never really meant to be out of the game for this long and I didn't plan to quit, I was always going to come back sooner or later.

"This wasn't meant to be a comeback fight, I only wanted a few months' break but months seem to have turned into years.

"By this time next year, I want to have another six fights under my belt, that's what it will take to get me back to where I was.

"It probably sounds mad hearing it from me, but I know the likes of George Groves in my weight class are not that special.

"I am still a student of the game, I am always learning and my brain is like a sponge for boxing, I take tricks and use them myself.

"There's time to go far in this sport, not plenty of time, but time as I long as I stay active."

Hillocks is back after following former Lions amateur club-mates Ricky Summers and Andrew Robinson to Shaun Cooper's gym in Brierley Hill.

Tipton's Summers is also on the Civic bill after turning pro this year and is Hillocks' best friend in boxing, plus a regular sparring partner.

Ray 'Razza' Campbell, Lindon Scarlett and Micky Warbey are on Cooper's coaching team and Hillocks wants to see the difference in the ring.

He said: "I need my trainers to push me and keep me going, as it's no secret that I am not always the most motivated in the gym.

"Fitness cost me the Ambler fight, I took it at short notice and, by the fifth round, I just wanted to get out of there, pick up my money and leave.

"I was nowhere near fight mode, there's no way I will ever do that again because I shouldn't be losing to people like that on my worse day.

"I would have given McIntosh about three rounds of our fight, I dropped him in the last round and feel I did more than enough to win.

"There's no knockouts on my record, as yet, but I know I can punch, I have let people hold on in the past and that won't happen anymore."

Elsewhere on the Civic show, Midlands welterweight champion Jason Welborn is set to lock horns with an international foe.

Rowley Regis' Welborn, the area title holder, faces a yet-to-be-confirmed foreign opponent over 10 rounds after making two defences of his belt.

Successive fifth-round stoppages at the Civic have made the 26-year-old a feared puncher and he will be looking to prove his power.

James Flinn was put away after being floored twice by body shots in his first title defence in March, with Scott Haywood later halted in the same round.

Haywood had his jaw broken from a right hook in June and failed to come out for the sixth round as Welborn moved to 11 wins from 10, with one loss.

Both of his challengers had boxed at English title level and Welborn is gradually making the step up to national level.

For information and tickets to the Civic , call the box office on 0870 320 7000.

Quinton Hillocks prepares for his return to the ring at Coops Boxing Camp in Brierley Hill

Bs sting Sports to equalise

Dudley Sports 1 Bustleholme 1

DUDLEY SPORTS let their first-half lead slip in this West Midlands Premier encounter.

The visitors were looking to follow up the previous Saturday's away win at Darlaston with another three points.

And it proved to be another solid display from the Bs with Phil Ellerby and Chris Norton once again in good form at the heart of the defence.

But just as the score looked likely to be all square at half-time, Bustleholme keeper Luke Stevens failed to hold onto a tame shot and Matthew Hearsay had an easy tap-in from close range to put the home side ahead.

From the off in the second half Sports were on the front foot with Craig Stevens pulling the strings as they sought to extend their advantage.

But Bustleholme weathered the storm and eventually found an equaliser when Darrell Francis finished well with a low drive.

Indeed, Francis thought he had won the game for the Bs only to see his effort ruled out for a push, leaving both teams with a share of the spoils.

DK start as they mean to go on

DUDLEY Kingswinford have made a winning start before the new rugby season even gets properly under way.

The first team beat Syston 64-5 in a training warm-up game.

And the Colts performed well at Droitwich, finishing runners-up to Worcester in the pre-season tournament.

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